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MRS. JENNIE C. CROLY, Founder of New York Sorosis, 1867

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WHOSE LIFE for nearly fifty years was woven into the warp and woof of club life; whose "enthusiasm and interest, materially assisted in the recording of ideals held high through the years, of battles fought and won, of things accomplished and of those as yet undone"; whose motto was "Order is Heaven's first law."

FOREWORD

AS THE HISTORY OF A COUNTRY is best told in a record of its people, so the history of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs is best told in the records of the administrations since its organization in 1895.

The purpose of this volume is to present principles and policies established through association of women's clubs of Michigan into a mighty force described as "a group of organized women in every community that can be depended upon to promote what leads to the betterment of life."

It is the story of an era in the development of the club movement in Michigan, as each administration is but the natural evolution of club life.

The associated life of club women is now an established fact. More than fifty years of growth have demonstrated their awareness of the pulse of advancement—a growth from 64 clubs at the organization meeting in Lansing to approximately 500 clubs in 1953.

These records may aid those interested in the growth of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs in understanding aright the character and conduct of one of the most noteworthy women's organizations of recent times.

The accumulated activities of the past thirty-two administrations furnished the background which provided programs of the past and opportunity to meet new issues with vision and force. Each administration had its keynote, its climax, its contribution to the composite picture called the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs.

We are indebted to the Michigan Historical Commission for use of articles printed in the Michigan Historical Magazine which so graphically dealt with the history of the first twenty-one years of our organization; to Mrs. Alice M. Hibbard whose efforts gave the condensed history of that period; to the past state presidents of the Federation for their contributions and to all others who made possible this history.

ESTHER R. HUNTER (Mrs. George Graham)
Past President, Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs

Saint Johns, Michigan
January 19, 1953

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PAST PRESIDENTS

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*Mrs. Irma T. Jones	Lansing
*Mrs. Emma A. Fox	Detroit
*Mrs. Anna A. Palmer	Saginaw
*Mrs. Martha A. Keating	Muskegon
*Mrs. Belle M. Perry	Charlotte
*Mrs. Josephine M. Gould	Owosso
*Mrs. Lois L. Felker	Grand Rapids
*Mrs. Francis Wheeler Smith	Hastings
*Mrs. Florence G. Mills	Kalamazoo
*Mrs. Lucy White Williams	Lapeer
Mrs. Elnora Chamberlin	Hartford
*Mrs. Delphine Dodge Ashbaugh	California
*Mrs. Florence I. Bulson.....	Jackson
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Mrs. Earl Warner	1823 W. Twelve Mile Road, Royal Oak
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Mrs. Fred M. Cross	Bad Axe
Mrs. Arthur W. Bruce	507 W. Eighth St., Traverse City
Mrs. Joseph Kangery	217 Ridge St., Ironwood
Mrs. William O. Merrill	Will-O-Way, Bloomfield Hills

*Deceased

ANNUAL CONVENTIONS AND PRESIDENTS PRESIDING

First—Grand Rapids	Nov. 6, 7, 1895.....	Miss Clara A. Avery
Second—Detroit	Nov. 3, 4, 5, 1896.....	Mrs. Irma T. Jones
Third—Saginaw	Nov. 9, 10, 11, 1897.....	Mrs. Emma A. Fox
Fourth—Manistee	Oct. 25, 26, 27, 1898.....	Mrs. Anna A. Palmer
Fifth—Jackson	Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 2, 1899.....	Mrs. Martha A. Keating
Sixth—Lansing	Oct. 23, 24, 25, 1900.....	Mrs. Martha A. Keating
Seventh—Ann Arbor	Oct. 29, 30, 31, 1901.....	Mrs. Belle M. Perry
Eighth—Muskegon	Oct. 14, 15, 16, 1902.....	Mrs. Belle M. Perry
Ninth—Grand Rapids	Oct. 13, 14, 15, 1903.....	Mrs. Josephine M. Gould
Tenth—Bay City	Oct. 11, 12, 13, 1904.....	Mrs. Josephine M. Gould
Eleventh—Kalamazoo	Oct. 17, 18, 19, 1905.....	Mrs. Lois L. Felker
Twelfth—Benton Harbor	Oct. 16, 17, 18, 1906.....	Mrs. Lois L. Felker
Thirteenth—Flint	Oct. 15, 16, 17, 1907.....	Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith
Fourteenth—Traverse City	Oct. 21, 22, 23, 1908.....	Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith
Fifteenth—Hillsdale	Oct. 19, 20, 21, 22, 1909.....	Mrs. Florence G. Mills
Sixteenth—Battle Creek	Oct. 19, 20, 21, 22, 1910.....	Mrs. Florence G. Mills
Seventeenth—Detroit	Oct. 17, 18, 19, 20, 1911.....	Mrs. Lucy W. Williams
Eighteenth—Saginaw	Oct. 15, 16, 17, 18, 1912.....	Mrs. Lucy W. Williams
Nineteenth—Muskegon	Oct. 21, 22, 23, 24, 1913.....	Mrs. Elnora Chamberlain
Twentieth—Adrian	Oct. 20, 21, 22, 23, 1914.....	Mrs. Elnora Chamberlain
Twenty-first—Lansing	Oct. 19, 20, 21, 22, 1915.....	Mrs. Delphine Ashbaugh
Twenty-second—Jackson	Oct. 23, 24, 25, 26, 1916.....	Mrs. Delphine Ashbaugh
Twenty-third—Traverse City	Oct. 16, 17, 18, 1917.....	Mrs. Florence I. Bulson
Twenty-fourth—Battle Creek	Feb. 18, 19, 20, 1919.....	Mrs. Florence I. Bulson
Twenty-fifth—Kalamazoo	Oct. 14, 15, 16, 17, 1919.....	Mrs. Burritt Hamilton
Twenty-sixth—Saginaw	Oct. 12, 13, 14, 15, 1920.....	Mrs. Burritt Hamilton
Twenty-seventh—Grand Rapids.....	Oct. 11, 12, 13, 14, 1921.....	Mrs. William R. Alvord
Twenty-eighth—Flint	Oct. 17, 18, 19, 20, 1922.....	Mrs. William R. Alvord
Twenty-ninth—Detroit	Oct. 16, 17, 18, 19, 1923.....	Mrs. Dorian M. Russell
Thirtieth—Petoskey	Sept. 23, 24, 25, 26, 1924.....	Mrs. Dorian M. Russell
Thirty-first—Benton Harbor	Oct. 13, 14, 15, 16, 1925.....	Mrs. George G. Hunter
Thirty-second—Ann Arbor	Oct. 19, 20, 21, 22, 1926.....	Mrs. George G. Hunter
Thirty-third—Saginaw	Oct. 18, 19, 20, 21, 1927.....	Mrs. Alfred J. Knapp
Thirty-fourth—Sault Ste. Marie	Sept. 25, 26, 27, 28, 1928.....	Mrs. Alfred J. Knapp
Thirty-fifth—Lansing	Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4, 1929.....	Mrs. Eben Mumford
Thirty-sixth—Jackson	Oct. 21, 22, 23, 24, 1930.....	Mrs. Eben Mumford
Thirty-seventh—Muskegon	Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1, 2, 1931.....	Mrs. C. L. Thompson
Thirty-eighth—Detroit	Oct. 25, 26, 27, 28, 1932.....	Mrs. Robert I. C. Prout
Thirty-ninth—Detroit	Oct. 17, 18, 19, 20, 1933.....	Mrs. Robert I. C. Prout
Fortieth—Grand Rapids	Oct. 16, 17, 18, 19, 1934.....	Mrs. Sears R. McLean
Forty-first—Ann Arbor	Oct. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 1935.....	Mrs. Sears R. McLean
Forty-second—Manistee	Oct. 5, 6, 7, 8, 1936.....	Mrs. W. Earle Chapman
Forty-third—Flint	Mar. 16, 17, 18, 19, 1937.....	Mrs. W. Earle Chapman
Forty-fourth—Detroit	Mar. 22, 23, 24, 25, 1938.....	Mrs. M. R. Keyworth
Forty-fifth—Grand Rapids	Mar. 23, 24, 25, 26, 1939.....	Mrs. Earl Warner
Forty-sixth—Bay City	Apr. 3, 4, 5, 6, 1940.....	Mrs. John E. Sickles
Forty-seventh—Lansing	Mar. 19, 20, 21, 22, 1941.....	Mrs. John E. Sickles
Forty-eighth—Detroit	Mar. 18, 19, 20, 21, 1942.....	Mrs. John L. Sweetnam
Forty-ninth—Jackson	Mar. 17, 18, 19, 20, 1943.....	Mrs. John L. Sweetnam
Fiftieth—Grand Rapids	Apr. 17, 18, 19, 1944.....	Mrs. Rex Robert Seeber
Convention cancelled	1945	Mrs. Rex Robert Seeber
Fifty-first—Detroit	Apr. 9, 10, 11, 1946.....	Mrs. Fred M. Cross
Fifty-second—Detroit	Apr. 8, 9, 10, 1947.....	Mrs. Fred M. Cross
Fifty-third—Grand Rapids	Apr. 5, 6, 7, 1948.....	Mrs. Arthur W. Bruce
Fifty-fourth—Detroit	Mar. 30, 31, Apr. 1, 1949.....	Mrs. Arthur W. Bruce
Fifty-fifth—Detroit	Apr. 11, 12, 13, 1950.....	Mrs. Joseph Kangery
Fifty-sixth—Newberry	Apr. 25, 26, 27, 1951.....	Mrs. Joseph Kangery
Fifty-seventh—Detroit	Apr. 2, 3, 4, 1952.....	Mrs. William O. Merrill
Fifty-eighth—East Lansing	Apr. 15, 16, 17, 1953.....	Mrs. William O. Merrill

Call
issued by Michigan Committee of Correspondence
of
General Federation of Women's Clubs

TO THE WOMAN'S CLUBS OF MICHIGAN:

The Michigan Committee of Correspondence for the General Federation of Women's Clubs at a meeting in Jackson December 10, 1894, voted to invite the clubs of the State to join in a convention to complete the organizing of a State Federation of Woman's Clubs. The committee also accepted the invitation of the Lansing Woman's Club to meet at Lansing.

Your club is therefore cordially invited to send two delegates to this meeting for the purpose of electing officers, adopting a constitution, and of transacting such other business as may properly come before the assembly.

The convention will open Wednesday, March 20, at 2:30 P.M., and continue through Thursday, the 21st. Business meetings will be held at the rooms of the Lansing Woman's Club.

Delegates wishing entertainment will please send their names to Mrs. Wm. Donovan, Lansing, Mich., not later than March 10.

Mrs. L. H. STONE,
(Ch'n) Ch'm Com. Cor. G.F.W.C.
Per IRMA T. JONES, Secretary

DELEGATES FROM CLUBS AT ORGANIZATION CONVENTION

DELEGATES from clubs at Organization Convention of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs held at the Lansing Woman's Club, Lansing, Wednesday and Thursday, March 20 and 21, 1895.

ADRIAN WOMAN'S CLUB	FLINT WOMAN'S COLUMBIAN
Mrs. William Humphrey	Mrs. Sarah Durand
Mrs. Mary L. Colvin	Mrs. G. E. Mahon
ALBION E. L. T.	GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB
Mrs. Ada Iddings Gale	Mrs. George Farr
Mrs. Lou Miller	Mrs. A. S. Kedzie
ALMA WOMAN'S CLUB	GRAND RAPIDS ALSBICO CLUB
Mrs. W. A. Bahlke	Mrs. Betsey Remington
Mrs. N. Church	Mrs. Loraine Immen
ANN ARBOR P. E. C. AND PRESS ASS'N.	GRAND RAPIDS IGDRASEL CLUB
Dr. Emma E. Bower	Mrs. E. A. Treadway
BAY CITY WOMAN'S CLUB	Mrs. Gertrude Newton
Mrs. Martha E. Root	GRAND RAPIDS L. L. C.
Mrs. Emily Grinnell	Mrs. Walter Hughes
BELDING LADIES' LIBRARY	GRAND RAPIDS NORTH END CLUB
EXCHANGE CLUB	Mrs. Jessie R. Denney
Mrs. William Humphrey	Mrs. Matilda Hine
BIG RAPIDS WOMAN'S CLUB	GRAND RAPIDS PARLIAMENTARY CLUB
Mrs. W. I. Latimer	Mrs. Elizabeth Eaglesfield
CHARLOTTE WOMAN'S CLUB	Mrs. P. H. Carroll
Dr. Mary E. Green	GRAND RAPIDS PARLIAMENTARY
Mrs. Lucretia Grier	LAW P. E. C.
CHARLOTTE TRIBUNE CLUB	Mrs. Emily B. Ketcham
Mrs. Belle McArthur Perry	Miss Margaret Downs
DETROIT FEDERATION OF CLUBS	GRAND RAPIDS SHAKESPEARIANA CLUB
Mrs. A. G. Boynton	Mrs. Harriet A. Cook
DETROIT XX CENTURY	Mrs. E. A. Fletcher
Mrs. S. L. Smith	GRAND RAPIDS SOUTH END CLUB
Miss Clara A. Avery	Mrs. Helen Hood
DETROIT WOMAN'S CLUB	Mrs. W. J. Waller
Mrs. J. W. Hine	GRAND RAPIDS WEST END CLUB
Mrs. A. W. Clark	Mrs. Lois Felker
DETROIT WOMAN'S HISTORICAL CLUB	Mrs. Mary Pearsoll
Mrs. Elizabeth Locke	HART L. L. C.
DOWAGIAC XIX CENTURY CLUB	Mrs. P. L. DeVoist
Mrs. W. C. Edwards	HASTINGS WOMAN'S CLUB
Miss Lou E. Colby	Mrs. Clement Smith
EAST TAWAS L. L. C.	HILLSDALE MONDAY CLUB
Mrs. H. F. Thomas	Mrs. Julia M. Janes
EATON RAPIDS YOU AND I CLUB	HOWELL WOMAN'S CLUB
Dr. Mary Williams	Miss Alice Lee
Mrs. C. F. Hartson	Miss Ella Gordon

HUDSON FRIDAY CLUB	LESLIE XX CENTURY CLUB
Mrs. G. I. Thompson	Miss Mary Hawley
HUDSON WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB	MANISTEE LAKESIDE CLUB
Mrs. Helen Lowe	Mrs. W. F. Baker
IONIA WOMAN'S CLUB	Mrs. A. O. Wheeler
Mrs. W. O. Webster	MARSHALL MONDAY CLUB
Miss Mary Lovell	Mrs. Alice Dickey
JACKSON ALTHENIA CLUB	Dr. Mina Smiley
Mrs. Will Adams	MENDON WOMAN'S CLUB
Mrs. W. E. Brewer	Mrs. A. Custard
JACKSON CITY FEDERATION	Mrs. George L. Yaples
Mrs. James O'Donnell	MT. PLEASANT WOMEN'S CLUB
or	Mrs. John T. Ryan
Mrs. W. S. Colby	Mrs. Frank H. Dodds
Mrs. C. R. Knickerbocker	MUSKEGON WOMAN'S CLUB
JACKSON MOSAIC CLUB	Mrs. L. A. Keating
Mrs. C. B. Bush	Mrs. C. L. Thompson
Mrs. Lucy W. Bancker	NORTHVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB
JACKSON TOURIST CLUB	Mrs. Lucy S. Stout
Mrs. Albert E. Bulson	PORTLAND L. L. C.
JACKSON TUESDAY CLUB	Mrs. N. B. Rice
Mrs. J. H. Pilcher	Mrs. C. W. Bird
Mrs. P. B. Loomis	ROMEO MONDAY CLUB
KALAMAZOO LIBRARY CLUB	Mrs. Charlotte B. Giddings
Mrs. L. H. Stearn	SAGINAW HOME CULTURE CLUB
Mrs. J. A. Deming	Mrs. Adelbert R. Thayer
KALAMAZOO XX CENTURY	SAGINAW READING CLUB
Mrs. L. H. Stone	Mrs. Harriet Estabrook
Dr. Tenney	Mrs. Julia W. Ostrom
LANSING E. M. B.	SCHOOLCRAFT L. L. C.
Mrs. Cora Carpenter	Mrs. Livina Brown
Mrs. Franc Gardiner	Mrs. G. W. Briggs
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Mrs. E. C. Jessop	Mrs. O. W. Munger
LANSING HOME CULTURE CLUB	ST. LOUIS MONDAY CLUB
Mrs. J. S. Moffett	Mrs. Francis Burns
Miss Kate Warker	Mrs. C. M. Seviars
LANSING WEST SIDE CLUB	TRAVERSE CITY WOMAN'S CLUB
Mrs. Kate Ward	Mrs. W. H. Bauld
Mrs. Hartniss	Mrs. G. G. Corell
LANSING WOMAN'S CLUB	VICKSBURG ISABELLA CLUB
Mrs. Wardwell	Mrs. Phibe Franklin
Mrs. Emma F. Porter	Miss Clara Scott
LAPPEER TUESDAY CLUB	WILLIAMSTON WOMAN'S CLUB
Mrs. James Cupples	Mrs. Mary Beardsley
Mrs. William Brown Williams	Mrs. Nellie Hammond

THE
ADMINISTRATIONS



Miss Clara A. Avery

FIRST ADMINISTRATION: 1895

MISS CLARA A. AVERY
PRESIDENT

ORGANIZATION

By IRMA T. JONES, *Lansing*

As condensed by Mrs. Alice M. Hibbard, Member of Ladies' History Class, St. Clair, Michigan.

"FOLLOW THE GLEAM," was the message impressed upon the hearts of many Michigan club women by the meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs held in Chicago in May, 1892. The first Biennial emphasized the possibilities of federated endeavor and showed how cooperation and unified effort by women can achieve magnificent results. The earnest appeals of Charlotte Emerson Brown, the president of the General Federation, the inspiring words of Frances Willard and of Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, showed Mrs. Lucinda Hinsdale Stone, how Michigan women would be broadened and uplifted by working together for some great cause.

Following that Chicago Biennial, Mrs. Stone revealed to Mrs. Belle M. Perry of Charlotte and others her ardent longing for the inauguration of effort to organize a state federation.

At a meeting of the Michigan delegation of club members at the Chicago Biennial, a committee was chosen to consider the feasibility of organizing a federation of women's clubs. This committee was as follows: Mrs. E. C. Skinner, Detroit; Mrs. L. H. Stone, Kalamazoo; Mrs. L. W. Bancker and Mrs. C. C. Bloomfield of Jackson; Mrs. E. A. Fletcher and Mrs. Vine of Grand Rapids; Mrs. Millard, Niles; and Mrs. N. B. Jones, Lansing, who was chosen chairman. Through the local press correspondence was invited from interested club workers in larger cities.

Having been chosen General Federation Chairman of Correspondence, Mrs. Stone enlarged her Committee of Correspondence by the appointment of Miss Clara A. Avery, Detroit, Mrs. Martha E. Root, Bay City, Mrs. Clara H. Raynor, Adrian, Mrs. John Carter, Jackson and Mrs. Anna A. Palmer, Saginaw; the original committee having been, Mrs. L. H. Stone, chairman, Mrs. H. E. Thompson and Mrs.

MICHIGAN STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Lorraine Immen of Grand Rapids; Mrs. L. N. Keating, Muskegon, Mrs. N. B. Jones, Lansing, and Mrs. A. J. Gale, Albion.

Meantime, Mrs. N. B. (Irma T.) Jones, then president of Bay View Women's Council, a part of the Bay View Assembly, on the advice of Mr. John M. Hall, the superintendent of the Assembly, invited Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin to address the women of Bay View. Through the Bay View Magazine and the circular letter an invitation was extended widely to club-women throughout Michigan. In addition to this circular letter the Michigan Committee of Correspondence (not yet enlarged) issued, to accompany the circular, the following letter prepared at the dictation of Mrs. Stone:

"To the President of Club.

Dear Madam: The occasion set forth in the accompanying circular, and the presence of Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs at Bay View seems to the Michigan Committee of Correspondence for the Federation of Women's Clubs an auspicious time for organizing a State Federation of Women's Clubs.

We therefore, invite representatives of all federated Clubs in the State to meet at Bay View, August 14th and 15th, 1894, to take steps toward organizing a Federation of Women's Clubs for the State of Michigan.

Will you send to one of the committee signing this, an expression of the attitude of your club and a statement of the possibility of sending two delegates?

(Signed) Mrs. Lucinda Hinsdale Stone, Kalamazoo,
Mrs. N. B. Jones, Lansing, Chairman,
Mrs. L. N. Keating, Muskegon
Mrs. A. I. Gale, Albion
Mrs. H. E. Thompson, Grand Rapids,

Michigan Committee of Correspondence for the General Federation of Women's Clubs, July 19, 1894."

In response to these calls, on Federation Day, Tuesday, August 14, 1894, many able and well-known club women attended the meeting called to consider the advisability of organizing a Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Irma T. Jones, leader of the Bay View Woman's Council, called the meeting to order and Mrs. Isabel Allen Thayer of Saginaw was elected secretary pro tem. In the absence of Mrs. Stone, chairman of the Committee of Correspondence, Mrs. Elizabeth Ballan Thayer of Grand Rapids, explained this was a preliminary meeting to take the first steps toward the formation of a state federation of clubs.

Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, president of the General Federation

FIRST ADMINISTRATION: AVERY

of Women's Clubs spoke of the importance of a state federation auxiliary to the General Federation, saying that its organization should not spring from any single club but be a spontaneous movement from all clubs throughout the State.

Twenty-two Michigan clubs were represented as follows: Mrs. C. H. Raynor, Adrian; Mrs. Perkins, Coldwater; Mrs. E. H. Thompson, Flint; Mrs. Clement Smith, Hastings; Mrs. Ford, Tuesday Club of Jackson; *Mrs. Dr. Smith, Mosaic Club of Jackson; Mrs. Alice Lewis, Tourist Club of Jackson; Mrs. James O'Donnell, City Federation of Jackson; Mrs. Armstrong, Athena Club, Jackson; Mrs. Dr. Ranney, Woman's Club, Lansing; Mrs. Dr. E. L. Robertson, E.M.B. Club of Lansing; Mrs. Alex. Custard, Mendon; Mrs. M. J. Brabb, Romeo; Mrs. Anna A. Palmer, West Side Reading Club, Saginaw; Mrs. A. R. Thayer, Home Culture Club, East Side Saginaw; Mrs. Martin, Traverse City.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ballard Thompson, of Grand Rapids read a congratulatory letter from Mrs. Osgood, president of the Maine State Federation; also an article on the object and aims of the Iowa State Federation.

Mrs. Henrotin spoke of the remarkable work of Chicago club women in caring for 60,000 needy women and children, and of possible future work in educational and industrial lines. She then moved that the pro and con of State Federation be discussed. Mesdames O'Donnell, Palmer, Thompson, Eaglesfield, Custard and Jones spoke favorably in regard to federation as likely to meet an unfilled need of clubs in Michigan; believing that in the exchange of thought was a broadening influence and higher culture; cooperation, it was believed, would tend to simplify and deepen the work of all women's clubs.

Mrs. Henrotin mentioned some of the objections raised against federations, as leading to various social movements not indorsed by the majority of clubs; she advised that the rights of each club should be respected and a state federation be formed on a conservative plan, such as the one formulated for adoption by New York.

A motion to defer action and to refer the matter to the State Committee of Correspondence for future action was tabled.

The legality of the formation of a state federation auxiliary to the General Federation of Women's Clubs, because all clubs represented were not members of the General Federation, was questioned. In answer, Mrs. Henrotin gave it as her opinion that the meeting

* "Mrs. Dr." considered correct in the nineties.

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having been called by the Committee of Correspondence authorized by the General Federation could legally consider the organization of a state federation of Michigan women's clubs, auxiliary to the General Federation. This ruling was accepted by vote after which Mrs. Irma T. Jones of Lansing was elected chairman of the convention and Mrs. Isabel Allen Thayer, recording secretary. Adjournment was then taken until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, August 15.

When the convention opened Wednesday morning, the following additional delegates presented credentials: Mrs. Thomas Hume, Muskegon; Mesdames Church and Gibbs, Traverse City; Mrs. Carl Heavenrich, Saginaw Tourist Club; Mrs. C. H. Engle, New Century Club, Hartford; Mrs. C. H. Morgan, Holland; Mrs. E. A. Craig, Benton Harbor; Mrs. S. L. Smith, Twentieth Century Club, Detroit; Mrs. George Gundrum, Ionia.

A resolution was adopted asking the Committee of Correspondence to issue a call for a meeting of delegates at such time and place as the committee considered suitable, to perfect the permanent organization of a State Federation of Women's Clubs, auxiliary to the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

A committee to consist of one member of the Committee of Correspondence, and four others was nominated and elected to prepare a suitable constitution to be submitted at the time of the proposed meeting. The members of this committee were Mrs. L. H. Stone, Chairman, Mrs. Irma T. Jones alternate; Mrs. Francis L. Rowland, Grand Rapids; Miss Clara Avery, Detroit; Mrs. C. H. Raynor, Adrian; Mrs. Anna A. Palmer, Saginaw.

It was also voted that annual sessions would best promote the object sought by a State Federation. Adjournment subject to the call of the Committee of Correspondence was voted.

After much correspondence by Mrs. Stone and her helpers, a meeting of the State Committee of Correspondence of the General Federation of Women's Clubs was arranged to be held at Jackson, December 10, 1894.

By invitation of Mrs. John Carter this meeting was held at her home. Those present were, Mrs. Lucinda Hinsdale Stone, Chairman; Mrs. Martha E. Root, Bay City; Mrs. Anna A. Palmer, Saginaw; Miss Clara A. Avery, Detroit; Mrs. C. H. Raynor, Adrian; Mrs. Irma T. Jones, Lansing; also by invitation Mrs. Lucy W. Bancker, Mrs. E. Warner and Mrs. James O'Donnell, all prominent members of Jackson women's clubs.

Mrs. Martha E. Root was made secretary of the meeting. It was

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finally voted unanimously to attempt to organize a state federation and let time prove the wisdom and value thereof.

Mrs. Irma T. Jones was elected secretary of the Committee of Correspondence and it was voted to call a meeting to organize at such time as shall be agreed upon by Mrs. Stone and the secretary of the committee.

Two invitations for the convention were presented: one, from the Ladies' Literary Club of Grand Rapids, time Jan. 16 and 17, 1895; the other, from the Woman's Club of Lansing, for such date as the Committee of Correspondence might find desirable.

The invitation to Lansing was accepted and Mrs. Jones as secretary of the Committee of Correspondence was authorized to issue a call inviting all clubs known to her and any which might be named by any member of the committee, to send two delegates to the meeting at Lansing for the purpose of organizing a State Federation of Women's Clubs.

It should be recorded that a secretary for the Committee of Correspondence was elected in order to lessen the burden falling upon Mrs. Lucinda Hinsdale Stone, its chairman. It was a rare pleasure to assist Mrs. Stone, and nothing in behalf of the State Federation was sent out at any time without her cordial approval.

The report of the committee appointed at Bay View to prepare a constitution, was submitted by Mrs. Clara W. Raynor of Adrian. This was considered seriatim, some changes recommended and was ordered printed for use in Lansing. A substitute afterward proposed by Miss Clara A. Avery of the Detroit Twentieth Century Club, at a later meeting of the committee was amended, revised and with a few changes was adopted by the convention at Lansing, March 21, 1895, as the basis of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Before the Committee of Correspondence in session at Jackson adjourned, it was voted unanimously to leave with Mrs. Stone and her secretary the issuing of a formal call to meet in Lansing, at such time as suitable arrangements could be completed.

Two circular letters were sent to each of the 77 clubs whose addresses were known: also by notices in the newspapers of the state all regularly organized women's clubs were invited to meet in Lansing, Wednesday, March 20, 1895, for the purpose of forming a State Federation.

In response to these letters, sixty-four clubs represented by 110 delegates were in attendance when Mrs. Lucinda Hinsdale Stone called the convention to order, in the First Baptist Church, Lansing, at 2:30 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, March 20, 1895. Mrs. Stone

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used an India wood gavel afterward presented to the State Federation by the Alsbico Club of Grand Rapids.

In a short address Mrs. Stone expressed most earnestly her desire that great good would result from the bringing together of women for cooperation in all that can uplift and educate Michigan womanhood.

Temporary officers elected were Mrs. Irma T. Jones of Lansing, president, and Mrs. Ada Iddings Gale, Albion, secretary. In the day and a half meeting, the convention was organized, constitution and by-laws adopted, permanent officers elected, one platform meeting and two receptions held. The platform meeting was held in Representative Hall at the State Capitol, a magnificent audience of men and women being in attendance.

An informal reception by Mrs. Lucinda Hinsdale Stone and Mrs. John T. Rich, wife of the Governor of Michigan in the executive parlors concluded the program.

The convention closed Thursday evening with a brilliant reception tendered the newly organized body by the Lansing Woman's Club and the E.M.B. Club of North Lansing at the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Barnes.

From interesting notes concerning the organization of the Michigan State Federation by Miss Clara A. Avery, its first president, are quoted the following paragraphs:

"It is a pleasure to state that the birth of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs was due to the influence of the late and ever-to-be-honored Lucinda Hinsdale Stone, called "Mother of Women's Clubs in Michigan;" and that it may be deemed the climax of her work in this line, as it united in one body nearly all the clubs which she had helped to organize or had inspired.

"At that time Grand Rapids was unquestionably the leading club center in our state, Kalamazoo and Jackson, I think, followed nearest it in numbers of clubs and members. Detroit was by no means an important club center for women, although it had one of the oldest of the clubs in the state, and its largest club had been formed a short time before, it did not outrank some of the smaller towns in the number of its club women.

"Many members present from the older clubs had had years of experience in club-life, and some of them the valuable experience of service under the General Federation, so that their services were of great value on that historical day of our first meeting, March 20, 1895.

"Organization was effected; officers elected, a constitution and by-laws adopted; a line of work agreed on; and a date and place appointed for the first annual, that is to say, our only regular meeting, in November, 1895,

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as it was considered more convenient to hold our one meeting a year, in the autumn, than in the spring.

"The officers elected were: President, Miss Clara A. Avery, Detroit; Vice-president, Mrs. Irma T. Jones, Lansing; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Loraine Immen, Grand Rapids; Recording Secretary, Kate E. Ward, Lansing; Treasurer, Mrs. Martha E. Root, Bay City. The Directors were Mrs. L. H. Stone, Kalamazoo; Mrs. Clara W. Raynor, Adrian; for one year each; Mrs. Anna A. Palmer, Saginaw, and Mrs. James O'Donnell, Jackson, each for two years."

Thus was begun an organization concerning which THE INTER-CHANGE, the official organ of the Michigan Women's Press Association said: "Much of the work which necessarily came into this convention will never burden another convention of the State Federation, and the way will be open in coming meetings to accomplish more and more of the good for which the Federation is organized." Quoting again from Miss Avery's valuable article:

"The intervening months were made unusually difficult because of the enforced absence from the state of the President, who, by one of those chances which befall elective bodies, was not chosen from the rank of experienced club women, but from that of the very inexperienced ones. Fortunately she was supported by a vice-president of wide experience in women's clubs and women's meetings, and by a large and very loyal following of experienced club women, to whom may be attributed much of the initial success of our Michigan State Federation. However, order developed out of chaos; the work planned was brought to fruition; and we met at Grand Rapids, Nov. 6, 7, 1895, with a large number of enthusiastic delegates ready for work.

"The response to our efforts was very gratifying, the meetings well attended, and Grand Rapids as usual most generous in its hospitality. The outcome was, a very real belief in the need of our work; the recognition of the need of great charity and real unity of spirit; the knowledge that Michigan clubs were ready to find out the chief needs and demands of our time upon them, and eager to try to fit themselves to meet them.

"Such results, as we in progressive degrees have been seeing, reveal the value of this Federation to the womanhood of our State. We are also seeing to some degree the breaking down of social barriers; the annihilation of prejudices; the elimination of individual and municipal conceit; the arousing of goodwill, understanding, and insight, and the concerted action of all minds for the common good. Do not these indicate the laying of a good foundation?

"Believing myself your debtor, I am glad to know many others also recognize their indebtedness to the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, and heartily wish it continued success."

Your first president,
CLARA A. AVERY



Mrs. Irma T. Jones

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MRS. IRMA T. JONES

PRESIDENT

FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

By IRMA T. JONES, *Lansing*

As condensed by Mrs. Alice M. Hibbard, Member of Ladies' History Class, St. Clair, Michigan.

THE CONSTITUTION of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs adopted at organization authorized the business of the Federation, other than that specified to be done by the Federation in convention, in charge of a Board of Managers. The appointment of five standing committees, of five members each, one of whom must be president of a Club in the Federation, and Chairman of the committee was also authorized. These standing committees were:

1. A Program or Literary Committee.
2. An Entertainment Committee.

The work of these was to select themes for discussion at the annual meetings and to see that arrangements be made for the reception and entertainment of delegates.

3. A Club Organization Committee, to keep a record of clubs and to aid in forming others.

4. A Lecture Course Committee to issue annual bulletins of subjects, authors, etc., for the help of federated clubs.

5. Committee on Household Economics to seek to develop practical interest among club women.

Annual dues were fixed at three dollars, and "Waples Parliamentary Practice" was adopted as guide to the deliberations of the Federation.

Some paragraphs are quoted from the address of Miss Clara A. Avery, the first president, Grand Rapids, Nov. 6, 1895:

"Many ask; Why a Federation of Women's Clubs? To this we answer, Is not the tendency of our century that which has led to the concentration of individuals into units that have for their objective the material, industrial, political, intellectual or moral progress of humanity? Think of the numerous international gatherings since 1852—industrial, artistic, scientific, philan-

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thropic and religious. Think of the world expositions: the rapid spread of organizations such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army and labor unions. Is there not a purpose greater than any that can be traced to an individual, back of these manifestations?

"Although our own existence as an organization has been brief, and our experiences very limited, some of us already recognize the advantages both of association, and of those unexpected tests of mind and character to which our duties have subjected us; and many of the older and larger clubs must have learned a lesson in meekness and humility from the younger and smaller clubs that have been doing superior work in the very towns we have ignored. It has astonished and delighted us to find how extended is good club work throughout our state, and that there are many evening literary clubs composed of men and women, all doing excellent work.

"Progress and duty seem to be the watchwords of the day; and the chief hope, a rapid advance toward unity.

"Some weaknesses reveal themselves more quickly in large bodies than in small ones, and are remedied by the very experiences which reveal them. This is one of the greatest benefits resulting from federation. Those weaknesses of which we are conscious, are first, lack of knowledge of right business methods; second, a lack of familiarity with common parliamentary law, as a great time saver, and method-educator; third, lack of training in clear, concise and comprehensive utterance of our thoughts; and last but not least important, the occasional forgetfulness of our one aim, which would serve to correct the false proportions.

"Cooperation of members in work is not all we need; culture is not all we need. What we really want is knowledge of the better things in the human heart, too often concealed in our homes, as well as such business assemblies as this. Those things should come to light when we meet for free exchange of thought on those subjects dear to every woman as the member of a home, or of this great Commonwealth.

"In our own state, Bay View has become so attractive to students as well as to pleasure seekers, that we might consider a summer meeting there. In such an atmosphere of culture, among the thinkers and students of our land, mothers, teachers, busy women of all sorts, could realize the littleness of the things that burden us, and the immensity of those things we banish from the mind."

When the Federation met at Grand Rapids Nov. 5 and 6, 1895, its membership was 63 federated clubs; one club withdrew. and one failed to qualify.

At this first annual, it was evident valuable work had been accomplished, notably by the Club Organization Committee in spreading the knowledge of federation aims and in enlisting the sympathy and interest of non-federated clubs. The Committee on Household

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Economics had issued an admirable outline of study much sought for by federated clubs, for in those days many club members were indifferent to outside endeavors which they had not yet learned how to undertake.

By Mrs. Stone's wish, provisions of the constitution were made as simple as possible, to avoid misunderstanding and make for more harmonious action. The constitution adopted in Lansing was modeled after those of other state federations, but some changes were needed. A committee on revision was appointed, to report at the next annual convention.

The Federation voted at the Grand Rapids convention to authorize the Board of Managers to become affiliated with the General Federation by payment of the prescribed dues. In December, 1895, the president received a Certificate of Membership of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs in the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Officers for 1895-1896 were: President, Mrs. Irma T. Jones, Lansing; Vice-president, Mrs. Anna A. Palmer, Saginaw; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Kate E. Ward, Holly; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lucy W. Bancker, Jackson; Treasurer, Mrs. Martha E. Root, Bay City; Directors, Mrs. I. M. Turner, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Clara W. Raynor, Adrian; Mrs. S. L. Smith, Detroit; Mrs. Martha A. Keating, Muskegon.

The first meeting of the Board of Managers found the Federation confronted with much pioneer work and serious problems caused by lack of acquaintance, inexperience in affairs of state-wide interest, and more than all by limited resources.

However, the members of the Board were women of insight, faith, and broadmindedness. They filled the various standing committees as best they could, in order to distribute work widely and promote interest in the organization. It was a time when the wisdom of the undertaking must be justified by tact and thoughtfulness.

They were days of stringent finances. The expenses of organization and of the first annual meeting must be paid, a third convention to be held in Detroit must be provided for. There must be noted speakers to attract and hold the loyalty of the clubs. In the first two years more than one officer refused to accept the amount of railroad fare allowed in the By-Laws. A generous friend of the Federation paid the sum needed to bring a prominent Eastern speaker to the Grand Rapids convention. These details are given to show how

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Michigan women have always risen to an opportunity. The two or three hundred dollars available to a Board of Managers in those days seem pitifully small, when present-day resources of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs sometimes reach thousands. Again, printing and stationery bills were unavoidably large. Programs, constitutions and numberless blanks were required for the inauguration of the work planned.

Most club women were unfamiliar with the large demands of state work, comparatively few had a good working knowledge of parliamentary procedure, a few were over-insistent on the strictest letter of the law. But from the beginning, ideals were high, and earnest commonsense and sisterly kindness prevailed among those delegated to work. Still federation work was no sinecure for officers and directors.

Inexperienced local club officers were slow to perceive the necessity of prompt and business-like methods in correspondence and payment of dues; many believed that only literary affairs should have right of way in a convention of clubwomen. But, as time passed, wisdom grew and courage increased.

The second president found a "Tower of strength" in *The Interchange*, the official organ of the Michigan Woman's Press Association, edited for years by Mrs. Belle M. Perry and Mrs. Eva Belle Giles. As a means of communication with federated clubs, in those years when the income of the State Federation would not permit the sending of bulletins and letters to committees and individual clubs, these found their place on the pages of *The Interchange*.

Recalling the limited financial resources of the State Federation and its urgent needs in pioneer days, it may be affirmed that without *The Interchange*, it could hardly have prospered so greatly. Without the unselfish generosity of Mrs. Perry and her co-workers of the Michigan Woman's Press Association it would have taken much longer to gain the commanding results achieved. Nor can the second president ever forget the chagrin of herself and other officers, when because of the low state finances, *THE INTERCHANGE* was by motion at a meeting of the Board of Managers, made "The Official organ of the Federation" without reimbursement.

Home Science appealed to club women when the Federation was organized, for society had not outgrown the fear that club-life would rob women of their homemaking instincts. Much effort was therefore

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directed to strengthening the loyalty and interest of federated clubs by selecting practical home themes for consideration.

By request of Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, president of the General Federation, the first anniversary of the State Federation, March 20, 1896, was observed as "Peace" Day and all affiliated Michigan clubs were asked to adopt suitable resolutions to indicate woman's wish for "Peace" and arbitration in the settlement of international disputes. The resolutions from forty clubs were forwarded to Mrs. Henrotin to be used in a memorial to the National Society.

The success of this effort led to having a day set apart in many club calendars for the consideration of Federation interests and reciprocity. This was the first attempt to bring into action the influence of Michigan federated clubs through unified cooperation.

The informal mid-year conference at Bay View was attended by thirty-eight federated and nine non-federated clubs from Michigan and representative club women were also present from Massachusetts, Kentucky, New York, West Virginia, Ohio, Illinois and Kansas. Meetings were informal and devoted to the discussion of topics presented in the program. Mrs. Abby Morton Diaz of the Boston Woman's Club, author and philanthropist, spoke on "The Value of Women's Clubs to the Home and the Community." Mrs. Jennie C. Croly, President of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs spoke on "The Organized Work of Women."

It was a rare treat for the club women of our state to come in contact with the rich personality of one who during a life time had devoted her many talents to the advancement of women. "Some Aspects of Literature in the Home and the Club" was discussed by Mrs. I. N. Turner of the South End Club of Grand Rapids. Mrs. Mary Palmer Reese of Saginaw gave some valuable hints on "How to Study Literature." Mrs. Keating of the Muskegon Woman's Club presented a paper on "The Ideal Club Program;" Mrs. S. L. Smith represented the Twentieth Century Club of Detroit. An informal reception to Mrs. Croly and Mrs. Diaz in Evelyn Hall closed a very busy day.

The mid-year meeting proved a signal success, for it brought a better understanding of the aims of Federation and a revived interest in all that concerns womanhood.

This conference brought many new clubs into the State Federation. The mid-season board meeting was held in Lansing, at the

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office of the State Librarian, by invitation of Mrs. Mary C. Spencer, librarian.

The Annual Convention, Nov. 3, 4, 5, 1896, was held in Detroit by invitation of the Detroit Federation of Clubs. Mrs. M. A. B. Howell chosen by the Grand Rapids convention to recommend amendments to the Constitution made her report. Adopting or revising constitutions is a trying ordeal for club women and, though the careful, painstaking work of this committee gave the Federation a more exact and enduring basis of work, many of the delegates tired of it, and when revision was complete scarcely a quorum remained to hear the program.

Features on the program were: A summarized report of all Federated Clubs, by Katheryne Cook, President of Hillsdale Woman's Club; report of the Biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and of the midyear conference at Bay View by vice-president Mrs. Anna A. Palmer; an address "Organic Education" by Harriet M. Scott, Principal of Normal Training School, Detroit. Wednesday evening the delegates enjoyed a largely attended reception at the Russell House by the Detroit Federation of Clubs. Thursday's program included the following; "Traveling Libraries—Their Value and How to Get the Benefits of Them," by Mrs. Mary C. Spencer, of Lansing, State Librarian; Federation Poem by Mrs. M. E. C. Bates of Traverse City read by Mrs. Marie Nelson Lee; "The Success and Failure of Our Public Schools,"—address by Mathilde Coffin, Assistant Superintendent of Public Schools, Detroit; "Practical Value of Federation to the Individual Club"—address by Mrs. Ellen M. Henriotin, president of General Federation of Women's Clubs. Thursday evening,—address, "Home Science and the Public Schools," by Edith F. McDermott, Professor of Household Science, Michigan Agricultural College; address, "The New Social Ideal," Mrs. Florence Kelley, State Factory Inspector of Illinois, Hull House, Chicago. The Federation had not yet learned a speedy method of electing officers, adopting constitutions, and limiting reports by giving them printed to the delegates.

The Federation had the expense of organization before any income could be provided, holding three conventions on the revenue of two. The crisis was met by a number of the officers receipting their bills for railroad fare, and one member of the Board loaned the Federation a sum sufficient to pay all bills until dues were collected from the clubs.

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Though committees were few, and resources limited, in those foundation-laying years, enthusiasm counted for much and growth was substantial. Club women were beginning to realize the value of federated effort, and a new standing committee on legislation was appointed in Detroit. A bill before the Michigan Legislature asking for the appointment of women on Boards of Control of all state institutions where women and girls are confined, was the occasion for this additional committee.

All meetings were held in the First Congregational Church. The following is quoted from the president's address:

"Without advising the transformation of women's clubs into charity guilds, permit me to plead for a well-unified form of endeavor, for a broad catholicity able to sift the wheat of life from its chaff, that counts no labor great, no sacrifice a cross, where humanity suffers; that works as well as thinks; that loves as well as studies; and which forever enriches life, club-life with dignity so sweet and gracious, so Christlike, that it need fear no doubting multitude. To such an exalted privilege is our Federation called; its true mission to strengthen, to unite, to enthuse the women of a great commonwealth."

"So let us labor, wait and pray;
God's day dawns soon,
Our part,—with still unwearied might,
To hasten its glad light."

IRMA T. JONES
Second President,
Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs



Mrs. Emma A. Fox

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MRS. EMMA A. FOX

PRESIDENT

STRENGTHENING FOUNDATIONS

By IRMA T. JONES, *Lansing*

As condensed by Mrs. Alice M. Hibbard, Member of Ladies' History Class,
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WHEN MRS. EMMA AUGUSTA FOX was elected president of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, there appeared first the need for conservation of resources, of increasing acquaintance and loyalty among members of affiliated clubs, and of winning new clubs to membership in the organization. From the annual meetings delegates had received new views of the value of parliamentary tactics and increasing interest in parliamentary law was evident everywhere. Probably no year of the Michigan State Federation has witnessed a greater advance in practical, orderly methods of work than the year 1897. As president, Mrs. Fox was invited by many clubs to visit them and to stimulate their club-life by her tactful, clearly defined views on parliamentary law. In review it appears that this particular year was a time of special preparation for the larger undertaking of the oncoming years.

The officers were: President, Mrs. Emma Augusta Fox, Detroit; First Vice-president, Mrs. Anna A. Palmer, Saginaw; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Frank E. Withey, Manistee; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Florence I. Bulson, Jackson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lucy W. Bancker, Jackson; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary L. Ambler, Northville; Directors, Mrs. Clara W. Raynor, Adrian; Mrs. I. M. Turner, Grand Rapids, Mrs. Irma T. Jones, Lansing; Mrs. Josephine M. Gould, Owosso.

The second annual meeting noted a membership of 81 clubs; during 1897 two clubs withdrew, 18 were admitted and the first directory of affiliated clubs was prepared.

The mid-year meeting of the Board of Directors in Jackson was held at the home of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lucy W.

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Bancker. Increase in the number of federated clubs was most satisfactory and the Federation was amply justifying its existence.

Owing to the limited funds, many problems were faced. For example, "What printing can we afford? Shall the Federation attempt to give financial support to an official organ? How shall the unavoidable expense of board meetings be met? How can we pay the speaker invited to address the Federation?" These questions were given consideration by the board at Jackson.

At the third annual meeting held in the Masonic Temple, Saginaw, in 1897, ninety-seven clubs were represented by 149 delegates. Two city federations were members of the State Federation,—the Jackson City Federation claimed to be the oldest city federation in the United States, its object having been to raise money to procure suitable lecturers. The Detroit City Federation reported that all expenses incurred by the convention of 1896 in Detroit, had been met by the entertaining clubs.

Mrs. Lucinda Hinsdale Stone, Honorary President of the Federation at the time of its organization and also member of the Board of Managers for two years, was re-elected Honorary President. Mrs. Stone, at that time 83 years old but with mental vigor undimmed, was a benediction to the convention.

A letter of regret, addressed to Mrs. Fox, president of the Michigan State Federation from Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, President of the General Federation, revealed the fostering friendliness of the officers of the General Federation in those early years.

At this convention the enthusiasm showed most remarkable gains in three short years, especially had all standing committees done admirable and faithful work.

The reports of the legislative committee, and the committee "To Advance the Interests of Women at the University of Michigan" led to important and helpful action by the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Excerpts from report of Legislative Committee:

"The first legislative measure considered was the appropriation for Traveling Libraries; petitions and letters were forwarded to every club, showing the necessity of, and the benefits to be derived from these libraries; letters were sent to the committees, both in the House and Senate, to which this appropriation was referred, also to influential members setting forth the great educational gain to the State.

"Articles were sent to local papers, and addresses made in its behalf by your chairman. The appropriation of \$4,000 asked for was granted.

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"The same line of work was followed with the Kimmis Bill—appointing women on the Boards of Asylums for the Insane. The bill passed the House without opposition, but was defeated in the Senate. Mr. Kimmis also introduced a bill—Providing that all insane, feeble-minded and epileptic female patients be placed under the immediate charge of women physicians and attendants.

"All our efforts were directed to secure the passage of this bill; it passed the House. A hearing was given March 31st. Among the many able women who spoke in its favor was Mrs. May Stocking Knaggs of your Legislative Committee. The bill was lost.

"Governor Pingree appointed Mrs. Jane M. Kinney of Port Huron, Member of the Board of Control for Pontiac Asylum for the Insane, term 6 years.

"Mrs. Dunning, a member of your Legislative Committee, has been instrumental in securing the passage of "Act No. 200 TO INCORPORATE SOCIETIES FOR THE STUDY OF LITERATURE, FOR GENERAL CULTURE AND FOR EDUCATIONAL AND PHILANTHROPIC WORK."

"This act permits a corporation when formed under the above law to hold real and personal estate, to hire, purchase or erect suitable buildings for its accommodation, etc.

"We recommend that we make the Traveling Library our special care; it enables study clubs to be formed in rural districts and small towns beyond the reach of public libraries.

"We would recommend that women be appointed on the Boards of Asylums for the Insane, on the State Board of Education and on the State Board of Corrections and Charities, and women physicians be employed in all public institutions where women are inmates.

"We would recommend that as a Federation of clubs we encourage the appointment or election of qualified women to those educational and philanthropic positions now open to them."

(Signed) Mrs. Bishop Andrews, Chairman,
Mrs. May Stocking Knaggs,
Mrs. Florence M. Dunning.

The Federation had in those days no Manuals for the preservation of valuable reports, hence we include in this record excerpts from another important report given at the Saginaw convention.

"Your Committee for the Advancement of the Interests of Women, at the University of Michigan, reports the following points to criticize in the University of Michigan:

"I. Only a few women are teaching in the various departments of the University although they are graduates from this University and are expect-

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ing to make teaching their life work. They ought to have the opportunity of proving their capabilities in the larger field of a professorship.

"II. There is but one woman professor in the whole of the University although the proportion of women students at the University of Michigan is increasing.

"III. There are *no women* on the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan.

"We recommend that the members of the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs give their individual effort towards remedying this injustice to the women students, in the University of Michigan and to all women, in the State of Michigan."

This attention to the interests of women at our Michigan University by this committee formed the groundwork for the Lucinda Hinsdale Stone and the Alice Freeman Palmer endowments, which materialized in later years.

Addresses and subjects at this convention revealed an effort to broaden the horizon for Michigan club women:

"A Woman's Name," by Anita Newcomb McGee, M.D., Washington.

"The Relation of Women to Our State Charitable Institutions," Mrs. J. E. St. John, Lansing.

"The Relation of the Club to the City," Mrs. Florence M. Dunning, Battle Creek.

"How Shall a Busy Housekeeper Find Time for the Club?" Mrs. Jessie B. McKinney, Sault Ste. Marie.

"How Shall a Busy Club Woman Find Time for Her House-keeping?" Mrs. Ida F. W. Delano, Saginaw.

The Saginaw Reading Club held a reception in the rooms of the West Side Club, attended by 800 guests.

The sessions were held in the Masonic Temple. Dr. Eliza M. Mosher, Dean of Women at the University of Michigan, met with the Federation for the first time in Saginaw, 1897. In a report printed in the Ann Arbor DEMOCRAT, Dr. Mosher said:

"There are four striking features of interest brought out during the meetings. First, the beautiful administration of business. Dr. Mosher wrote that although she has attended meetings for twenty years, never but once had she seen this women's meeting excelled in point of order. Mrs. Emma A. Fox of Detroit, president of the Federation and teacher of parliamentary law, conducted the meetings with such regularity that even whispering was suppressed except at stated intervals. Dr. Mosher thought it was worth while going to the meetings just to watch the dispatch.

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"Second, The spirit of the whole Federation was for education and service to others.

"Third, Loyalty to woman was strongly in evidence. A feeling of camaraderie between woman and woman has been and is being built up by the clubs.

"Fourth, A forcible note was struck for making the club a help to the home.****If rightly managed the club will bring fresh life and new interest into the home."

Mrs. Lucinda Hinsdale Stone writing her "Impressions" for the Kalamazoo TELEGRAPH after this convention remarked upon the entire forgetfulness of self which characterized the papers and discussions of the meeting and quoted the now familiar lines of Kipling's L'En voi, "And no one shall work for money and no one shall work for fame," as the very spirit of the Federation.



Mrs. Anna A. Palmer

FOURTH ADMINISTRATION: 1898

MRS. ANNA A. PALMER

PRESIDENT

By IRMA T. JONES, Lansing

As condensed by Mrs. Alice M. Hibbard, Member of Ladies' History Class, St. Clair, Michigan.

CONCERNING THE WORK of the fourth administration, Mrs. Anna A. Palmer, President, remarked: "I was present at the organization of the Michigan Federation and helped draw up its first constitution; I watched the growth of the Federation with great interest, and when I was elected president I was indeed proud to have the honor of being at the head of so large and influential an organization of intelligent womanhood."

The other officers were: First Vice-president, Mrs. Martha A. Keating, Muskegon; second vice-president, Mrs. Frank E. Withey, Manistee; recording secretary, Mrs. Florence I. Bulson, Jackson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Pamela A. Patterson, Detroit; treasurer, Mrs. Mary L. Ambler, Northville; directors, Miss Flora J. Beadle, Hastings, Mrs. Belle M. Perry, Charlotte, Mrs. I. M. Turner, Grand Rapids, Mrs. Clara W. Raynor, Adrian.

The Board of Managers held its first business meeting at the Bancroft House, Saginaw. The standing committees were appointed and a special committee was named to visit the State Teachers' Association in the interest of education. The Federation's standing committees at that time were: 1. Local Arrangements; 2. Lecture Course; 3. Club Organization; 4. Program; 5. Household Economics; 6. Legislative; 7. University.

The mid-year meeting of the Board of Managers was held in Lansing, April 18 and 19, 1898, in the State Library. A committee to cooperate with the Association of Collegiate Alumnae was appointed.

The program for the fourth annual meeting, Manistee, was outlined by Mrs. Elizabeth Ballard Thompson, chairman, and approved by the Board. The annual meeting for 1898 was changed to the 3rd week in October to accommodate The Lakeside Club, hostess. The finances of the Federation were low and the president was authorized

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to borrow fifty dollars to meet necessary expenses. A special committee on credentials was appointed, also a committee on badge pins.

A change in the constitution was proposed so that the exact date of annual meetings could be fixed by the Board of Managers. It was adopted at the meeting in Manistee.

At the meeting of the Biennial of the General Federation in Denver, June 21, 1898, Michigan was represented by 16 delegates. Mrs. Emma Augusta Fox was elected secretary of the General Federation Board. The honor greatly pleased Michigan women and when Mrs. Fox was re-elected, it was generally conceded that the General Federation was never served by a more capable officer. Mrs. Della Foote Perkins of Grand Rapids had a place on the program of that Biennial.

This meeting of the State Federation was held in the Congregational Church of Manistee, October 25, 26, and 27. Eighty-three clubs were represented by 110 delegates. Six clubs were admitted to membership, making eight clubs added during the year, and two withdrawn, leaving the membership 97 clubs.

Mrs. Rebecca Douglas Lowe, President of the General Federation, was present and spoke to the delegates.

A very complete and inspiring report of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Pamela A. Patterson, was ordered printed for distribution among the clubs.

Mrs. Sarah K. Bolton, the well known author, wrote urging a greater interest in the humane work for the protection of domestic animals and of song birds.

The appointment of an Art Committee was recommended by the president and ordered by the convention. A resolution asking the Legislature to pass an act to incorporate women's clubs was passed. An address on "Forestry" was given by Mrs. Martha E. Root of Bay City. This was the first time the subject of Forestry had been given much prominence by the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, and led to the appointment of a standing committee on forestry.

Manistee being a lumber center, the men in the audience gave attention to Mrs. Root's plea for reforestation of our denuded pine lands. The new standing committees, Art and Forestry, have done valuable work in the organization.

The most important of the excellent resolutions adopted may be quoted, viz:

"Resolved, that we commend to all federated clubs the considera-

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tion of forestry, the work and need of humane societies, especially in relation to domestic animals and the protection of bird life; also the introduction of industrial education as a part of our public school work."

The first club Manual of the Federation was published in 1898 under the supervision of Mrs. Belle McArthur Perry, Chairman of the printing committee.

Interesting data from the report of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Pamela A. Patterson, were as follows: 70 of the 94 clubs in the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs sent replies listing themes ranging from household economics through history, and literature to civil government.

Mrs. Patterson's report shows the Federation has passed the hundred mark and numbers 102 clubs:

"Fraternal relations of the clubs of adjacent towns had been strengthened and social days are becoming a feature of every club. Reciprocity within the Federation has been adopted, and the clubs are devoting time to practical work in their communities, and less to purely individual culture."

Among the clubs reporting were 8 large department clubs, viz: The Ladies' Literary of Grand Rapids; The Twentieth Century Club of Detroit; The Traverse City Woman's Club; The Mendon Woman's Club; The Lakeside Club of Manistee; The Detroit Review Club; The Grand Haven Woman's Club; and the Battle Creek Woman's League. Each had done unusual educational and philanthropic work.

"A valuable auxiliary to the Federation is the Michigan Woman's Press Association. This organization during its nine years of existence has discovered many workers in the literary and newspaper field. Many members are authors of books and contributions from them are found in leading periodicals, some of the best uncredited work being also theirs. Many are on the staff of city dailies and as reporters they are many and valued. The Association strives to lift journalism (within the circle of its influence) above narrowness, unjust, partial or flippant treatment of any subject, and to use the pen for the moral uplifting of society."

Mrs. Palmer closed her review of Federation activity as follows:

"The year's work was satisfactory in that the Federation had grown in numbers and influence; and had added some important committees to broaden its work and stood more than ever for the promotion of all good things for home and State."



Mrs. Martha A. Keating

FIFTH ADMINISTRATION: 1898-1900

MRS. MARTHA A. KEATING

PRESIDENT

BLAZING THE WAY FOR WIDER ENDEAVOR

By IRMA T. JONES, *Lansing*

As condensed by Mrs. Alice M. Hibbard, Member of Ladies' History Class,
St. Clair, Michigan.

THROUGH STATE LEGISLATION, the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs achieved distinction in the administration of Mrs. Martha A. Keating of Muskegon.

Two notable victories were won: (1) a measure that approved of women on boards of control, and the employment of women physicians at state institutions having women and girl inmates; (2) the bill providing for a Woman's Building at the Agricultural College.

The campaign was an energetic one. The Federation legislative committee, Mrs. A. L. Rose, Mason, chairman, brought its influence to bear on the legislature, aided by clubs throughout the state.

When the time arrived for the consideration of the measure naming women on state boards, the 1899 spring meeting of the Federation Board of Managers was about to be held. That year it took place in Lansing in the State Library at the State Capitol where the clubwomen could keep watch over the progress of their plan. Organized womanhood was working for the public welfare of their sex in Michigan and everything depended on their success.

Messages came to the board at frequent intervals telling of the work of the law-makers in the halls near by. Finally word was brought that the bill had received its final passage. The board meeting was adjourned and members went on the floor of the House to thank the lawmakers.

It was a victory that gave a new importance to the woman's club movement in Michigan. The aid of the Federation was sought in another worthy movement that had risen in the meantime—the project for a Women's Building at the Michigan Agricultural College. Small unsuitable quarters greatly hampered practical education of girls of limited resources in this state.

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Mrs. Keating spoke in the interest of manual training whenever she was called to give addresses, and the federated clubs spread this gospel of handicraft.

At the 1898 meeting held in Manistee, a resolution had been passed commending instruction in household economics at the Michigan Agricultural College, and urging a larger acquaintance with the institution and patronage of the same in the interest of better homes for our Commonwealth. Impressed with the need of a woman's building at the College, a bill for which building was being asked at that time, the federated clubs went into action.

Leading clubwomen conferred with President Snyder of the College and a circular letter was sent out over Mrs. Keating's signature to every club in the Federation urging them to write their legislators and send petitions signed by taxpayers.

A moderate sum, in the vicinity of \$40,000, was asked, but the law-makers at the Capitol met the issue with an appropriation of \$95,000, \$83,000 for the building, and \$12,000 for the furnishings. This was to provide an institution both for the teaching of domestic science and a dormitory for all of the girls.

The new building was erected and completed before the close of Mrs. Keating's second term of office. President Snyder gave full credit for it to the clubwomen of Michigan. The delegates from federated clubs were invited to be guests of the Agricultural College and to dedicate the building at their annual meeting, 1900.

Federated efforts for two bills then unsuccessful, but since passed, (1) to establish the position of woman factory inspector and (2) for the abolishment of the deadly drinking cup. An attempt was also made to obtain a law providing for the employment of police matrons.

The clubs also made a beginning of forestry work in Michigan, creating an interest in it as well as establishing a department of their own.

Mrs. Martha E. Root of Bay City took an enthusiastic part in the movement and memorial trees were planted by her at the Women's Building at the Michigan Agricultural College.

State art work also had its inception among the clubs. By securing donations of money, a little traveling art gallery was started on its rounds by Mrs. Josephine M. Gould, Owosso, as chairman.

The literary work of women of this state was brought to general attention through an exhibit gathered by Mrs. Ida F. Crosby of

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Hartford, as chairman, and shown at Lansing in 1900. It consisted of a loan collection of books published by Michigan women on art, history, children, the home, housekeeping, and on literary games. Some of these were accompanied by medals awarded to them at world expositions.

The Board of Managers placed the Federation on a sound business basis. Economy resulted in a treasury free from debt but in holding all operations within limited financial scope.

Mrs. Lucinda Hinsdale Stone, the mother of women's clubs in Michigan, died at her home in Kalamazoo, March 14, 1900. At the succeeding annual meeting the Federation paid honor to her noble life work with resolutions and a memorial address, delivered by Mrs. Belle McArthur Perry of Charlotte.

At the Lansing convention, the Federation met in the House of Representatives at the Capitol, Mrs. Keating presiding.

The spring board meeting of that year was held in Grand Rapids with the West Side Ladies' Literary Club, Grand Rapids, as hostess.

Mrs. Florence I. Bulson, of Jackson, made the design for the badge-pin of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, embodying symbols appropriate for the club woman and the pin was adopted at the annual meeting in her home city in 1899.

Mrs. J. C. Sharp of Jackson explained the symbolism of the badge-pin thus, "The pen and scroll represent the working tools of the literary woman; the wreath typifies victory; the white field in scroll, purity; the blue, dawn (the dawn of a higher civilization for women); the bow-knot, fraternity (the tie that binds us together as club-women)."

In two other great conventions the Michigan clubwomen were represented at that period, (1) the National American Woman Suffrage Association at Grand Rapids in 1899, Mrs. Keating speaking for the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs. (2) A company of forty-six delegates and alternates and many more individual club members from this state attended the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Milwaukee in June, 1900. Mrs. Keating, president, reported an enrollment in Michigan of 114 clubs with an individual membership of nearly 12,000.

Mrs. Keating told the assemblage: "The Michigan State Federation stands for education in its broadest sense; for self-culture; for art in school and out; for giving the young women in the Agricultural College instruction in household science; for helping working women

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and children; for placing women in charge of women detained in state institutions; and for other and many benefits for self and the state, all of which are promoted by eleven permanent committees."

The officers for those two years in the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs were as follows: Fifth annual meeting held at Jackson in 1899—Honorary President, Mrs. Lucinda Hinsdale Stone, Ph.D. of Kalamazoo; President, Mrs. Martha A. Keating, Muskegon; Vice-president, Mrs. Edward D. Wheeler, Manistee; Second Vice-president, Mrs. J. Pease, Big Rapids; Recording Secretary, Miss Abbie F. Pearce, Ypsilanti; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Pamela A. Patterson, Detroit; Treasurer, Miss Bessie L. Priddy, Adrian. Directors—Mrs. Florence I. Bulson, Jackson; Mrs. Lois L. Felker, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Flora Beadle Renkes, Hastings; Mrs. Belle McArthur Perry, Charlotte.

Officers elected at the Sixth Annual at Lansing in 1900 were: President, Mrs. Martha A. Keating, Muskegon; Vice-president, Mrs. E. D. Wheeler, Manistee; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Ella Shepard Custard, Mendon; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jessie B. McKinney, Sault Ste. Marie; Mrs. Ella M. A. Ellison, Battle Creek, (appointed to fill vacancy); Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Isabel Allen Thayer, Saginaw; Treasurer, Mrs. Bessie L. Priddy, Adrian. Directors—Mrs. Myra Soper Woodley, Menominee; Mrs. Lilah E. Elder, Lansing; Mrs. Florence I. Bulson, Jackson; Mrs. Lois L. Felker, Grand Rapids; General Federation Secretary, Mrs. Josephine M. Gould, Owosso.

As in other annual conventions, much was due in these years to valuable advice on rules of procedure given by Mrs. Emma Augusta Fox. The Federation had for its permanent committees, women of ability and influence, and their reports are models of brevity and inspiring earnestness.



Mrs. Belle McArthur Perry

SIXTH ADMINISTRATION: 1900-1902

MRS. BELLE McARTHUR PERRY

PRESIDENT

RECIPROCITY AND COOPERATION

By IRMA T. JONES, Lansing

As condensed by Mrs. Alice M. Hibbard, Member of Ladies' History Class, St. Clair, Michigan.

AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION held in Lansing in 1900 not one of the officers was reelected, something that had not occurred before nor has it since. When the Federation was organized a provision was made for such an emergency by the election of directors for the term of two years, thus insuring two directors of at least one year's experience with each change of administration. One of the two hold-over directors was too ill to serve thus leaving Mrs. Myra Soper Woodley, Menominee, with one year's experience as director, the only official of the previous administration.

Mrs. Josephine M. Gould, Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith, Dean Eliza M. Mosher of the University of Michigan, were on the new board and the new president had served previously as director. So, with the experience of Mrs. Woodley, the executive board did not suffer seriously from lack of experience. The new president on occasion invited the ex-presidents of the Federation to join in council when some matters of unusual importance were considered.

At this same Lansing convention the Constitution was amended making the term of directors one year each, the same as other officers.

Mrs. Belle M. Perry wrote:

"The administration which I served as president stands out for the effort made to strengthen the spirit of reciprocity, especially between nearby clubs and those in the same city and town; and cooperation on the part of clubs and club women in some worthy outside work apart from the program of study.

"The most frequent inquiry from clubs considering uniting with the federation was, 'What benefit will it be to us?' and the title of my address at the Muskegon convention, which closed my second term was 'The Benefits of Federation.' This was made into a leaflet used by various officials later.

"Just before the seventh annual convention held in Ann Arbor, the

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Manual had been issued. Its reference value was much lessened because it lacked the names of the new officers and committees. The following year the Manual was held for the new officers and committees and printed as soon as these could be obtained. This custom holds today.

"A number of radical changes were made in the Manual to make it of greater reference value.

"The speakers prominent at the convention in Ann Arbor were President Angell in his address of welcome; Mrs. Florence Kelley, 'The Ethics of Shopping;' and Dr. Graham Taylor, 'The Claims of Industry from Culture;' Dean Mosher, Rev. Florence Kollock Crooker and Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane were also speakers."

The meetings were held in the Women's Building, except the opening one, held in the college auditorium. There were 225 delegates present representing 124 clubs. Fifteen clubs were admitted to membership during that year; the approximate membership was 10,000.

The officers elected October, 1900, were as follows: President, Mrs. Belle McArthur Perry, Charlotte; First Vice-president, Mrs. Josephine M. Gould, Owosso; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Ella W. Shank, Lansing; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ella M. A. Ellison, Battle Creek; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ella Warren Gordon, Howell; Treasurer, Mrs. Carrie E. Torrey, Rochester; Directors: Mrs. Myra Soper Woodley of Menominee, Dr. Eliza M. Mosher of Ann Arbor, Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith of Hastings, Mrs. Andrew Howell of Detroit; General Federation Secretary, Miss Ellen Morrison, Grand Rapids.

The officers elected at Ann Arbor, October, 1901, were: President, Mrs. Belle M. Perry, Charlotte; First Vice-president, Mrs. Josephine M. Gould, Owosso; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Lucy F. Andrews, Three Rivers; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ella Warren Gordon, Howell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ida A. Marks, Detroit; Treasurer, Mrs. Carrie E. Torrey, Rochester; Directors: Dr. Eliza M. Mosher, Ann Arbor, Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith of Hastings, Miss Ellen Morrison of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Ella M. A. Ellison of Battle Creek; General Federation Secretary, Mrs. Myra S. Woodley, Menominee.

A paragraph from President Perry's address follows:

"An ever-present problem of Federation is how to make the work of standing committees more effective with the scant financial means at command. But for the fact that interest in a cause will command the best a woman has to give in time and effort, without money and without price, we could have no standing committees and no Federation. As it is, these

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committees represent the crystalized effort of the federation movement to awaken club women along the lines of some of the essentials of present human need and to unite their interest in definite ways."

Receipts for the year, \$568.90; disbursements, \$388.00; balance, \$180.90.

The second convention of Mrs. Perry's administration, the eighth annual, was held in Muskegon. This convention voted to raise a \$5,000 endowment scholarship for girls as a memorial to Dr. Lucinda Hinsdale Stone. To the Twentieth Century Club of Kalamazoo belongs the honor of taking the initiative and presenting the resolution, pledging \$100, the first contribution to the fund.

For this convention Dr. Douglas Malloch of Muskegon wrote the new "Michigan, My Michigan," the Federation song, and it has been sung at our conventions as well as by federated clubs of the State.

MICHIGAN, MY MICHIGAN

Adapted for the Muskegon Woman's Club by Douglas Malloch

A song to thee, fair State of mine,
Michigan, my Michigan.
But greater song than this is thine,
Michigan, my Michigan.
The thunder of the inland sea,
The whispering of the towering tree
Unite in one grand symphony--
Michigan, my Michigan.

I sing a State of all the best--
Michigan, my Michigan.
I sing a State with riches blessed--
Michigan, my Michigan.
Thy mines unmask a hidden store;
But richer thy historic lore,
More great the love thy builders bore
Michigan, my Michigan.

How fair the bosom of thy lakes,
Michigan, my Michigan.
What melody each river makes,
Michigan, my Michigan.
As to thy lakes thy rivers tend,
Thy exiled ones still to thee send
Devotion that shall never end,
Michigan, my Michigan.

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Rich in the wealth that makes a State,
Michigan, my Michigan;
Great in the things that make men great,
Michigan, my Michigan;
Eager the voice that sounds thy claim
Upon the golden roll of Fame,
Willing the hand that writes the name
"Michigan, my Michigan."

Outside speakers at the Muskegon convention were Mrs. Ella Adams Moore of the University of Chicago on "The Value of Definite Direction in Club Work." Mrs. Lillian Davis Duncanson of Chicago on "Art" and Mr. E. G. Routzahn on "Civic Improvement," (illustrated). At this meeting 194 delegates represented 113 clubs with a record of eleven new clubs for the year.

The list of papers, for reciprocity use, prepared by Mrs. Harriet S. Estabrook of Saginaw, chairman of the Lecture Course Committee, stimulated reciprocity and acquaintance among federated clubs through the years 1898-1900.

"Parliamentary Usage for Women's Clubs" by Mrs. Emma A. Fox was substituted for "Waples" as the authority governing the meetings of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs and Board of Managers. Mrs. Fox's book published in April, 1902, was adopted at the General Federation of Women's Clubs' convention at Los Angeles that May, and by the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs in Muskegon October, 1902. At this time there were 19 Michigan clubs in the General Federation. At the Biennial meeting in Los Angeles Michigan's quota of delegates and alternates was full with many visitors from our State.

The convention at Muskegon enjoyed seeing and hearing Mrs. Dinies T. S. Denison, president of the General Federation.

The convention voted to adopt a suggestion from Mrs. Perry that presidents of individual clubs in the Federation be made members of the Club Organization Committee with a chairman-at-large chosen by the Federation, so that the work of starting new clubs might be carried forward.

In her retiring message Mrs. Perry reported an increasing spirit of organization and a growing number of city and county federations.

The report of the corresponding secretary for this year showed that Michigan federated clubs numbered 138; clubs in the General Federation of Women's Clubs 18.

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An innovation in 1902 was the new plan for the election of officers. Nominations were made for a nominating committee, and from these names a committee of seven was elected by the convention. To this committee all delegates presented the names of their candidates; and the committee on the morning following presented two tickets as suggestions for the new officers though they were still free to vote for others. The suggestions of the committee, however, seemed to be gladly received and the balloting was quickly completed.

Thoughtful, conscientious work by earnest, self-sacrificing, broad-minded women, put the years of 1900 and 1902 in the forefront of Federation endeavor in Michigan.



Mrs. Josephine M. Gould

SEVENTH ADMINISTRATION: 1902-1904

MRS. JOSEPHINE M. GOULD

PRESIDENT

PLANNING AN ENDOWMENT FUND

By IRMA T. JONES, *Lansing*

As condensed by Mrs. Alice M. Hibbard, Member of Ladies' History Class, St. Clair, Michigan.

THE SECOND TERM of Mrs. Belle M. Perry ended with the eighth annual meeting of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs in Muskegon, 1902. Mrs. Josephine M. Gould, first vice-president with Mrs. Perry was absent. On Oct. 16, this ex-vice-president was surprised by a telegram from an Owosso delegate at Muskegon. The message said, "My congratulations upon your election to presidency: send acceptance immediately. Can you come this afternoon for board meeting to-morrow morning." The practice of electing the First Vice-president to succeed to the Presidency prevailed as heretofore.

A message of acceptance and a promise to meet the newly elected officers on the afternoon of October 17 was forwarded.

The following women constituted the official board: President, Mrs. Josephine M. Gould, Owosso; First Vice-president, Mrs. Lois L. Felker, Grand Rapids; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Lucy F. Andrews, Three Rivers; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ida A. Marks, Detroit; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Grace Louise Robbins, Benton Harbor; Treasurer, Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith, Hastings; Directors: Mrs. Ellen M. Nims, Muskegon; Mrs. Ella Warren Gordon, Howell; Mrs. Lecia D. Strachan, Sault Ste. Marie; Mrs. Harriet C. M. Rosenbury, Bay City; General Federation Secretary: Mrs. Pamela A. Wilsey, Caro.

The departments of work of the Federation were: Club Organization, Education, Reciprocity and Art, Legislative and Industrial, Forestry and Town Improvement, Printing, Badge-Pin, Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Memorial Committee.

The Ladies' Literary Club of Grand Rapids was to be hostess to the annual convention of 1903. The State Federation had a membership of 138 clubs. 18 additional were received during the year 1903,

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making a total of 156 clubs, with a membership approximately 10,450.

Five county federations were recorded, viz: Cass, Eaton, Oakland, St. Joseph and Van Buren. The Cass County Federation was organized by Mrs. Lucy F. Andrews at Marcellus, 1902. Four of the county federations were organized in 1903 sometime before the convention at Muskegon. Van Buren County, probably the oldest county federation in Michigan, had been organized for some six years.

There were 7 city federations: Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, Hillsdale, Lansing, Manchester and Saginaw. The object of these was the unification for culture and for united effort to secure strength for effecting municipal reform, philanthropy and civic improvement.

By invitation of the president the mid-year Board meeting was held at Owosso, April 1 and 2. The entire board was present at this meeting. The Owosso Current Topic Club and The Woman's Club were hostesses, the members entertaining in their homes.

Eleven clubs owned club houses. On Feb. 17, 1903, the Muskegon Woman's Club dedicated the twelfth, the gift of a member, Mrs. Francis Smith. Three other members, Mesdames Julia Hackley, Mary L. Temple and Florence A. T. Irwin gave a plot of ground that was later converted into an endowment fund to which A. V. Mann added a substantial sum. The president was invited by the Muskegon Woman's Club to assist in the dedication.

During the session of the State Legislature, the Senate Committee on State Affairs, gave audience to a delegation of club women, Mesdames Frances E. Burns of St. Louis, W. H. Pound of Lansing, Belle M. Perry of Charlotte, Clara A. Avery of Detroit, J. C. Burrows of Kalamazoo, E. L. Devereaux and Josephine M. Gould of Owosso, urging the passage of a bill providing for the appointment of women on each of several Boards of Control of State Institutions where women and girls are detained. Mrs. Pound of Lansing urged that the bill be passed. She won the consideration of the Senate committee by her fine presentation of the question. The president of the Federation answered the senator who opposed the bill.

An important achievement in 1903 was raising \$3,000 of the \$5,000 scholarship; the income of this sum invested to be loaned to needy young women in our State University. The plan was proposed earlier by Miss Clara A. Avery as a memorial scholarship honoring Mrs. Lucinda H. Stone, the first advocate of co-education in our country. To promote the plan a committee composed of club women who had at some time been students of Mrs. Stone was appointed:

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Mrs. Lucy F. Andrews, Three Rivers, Chairman; Mrs. Juliet Goode-now, Kalamazoo; Mrs. Alice Phelps Thomas, Caro; Miss Clara A. Avery, Detroit; Miss Ellen Morrison, Grand Rapids. The money pledged was collected and paid into the treasury of the Michigan University, January 11, 1904. This was by resolution adopted in Grand Rapids in 1903.

The crowning event of the year to a loyal club member is the annual convention. The General Federation was represented at this meeting by Mrs. Robert J. Burdette of Pasadena, California, at that time one of the vice-presidents of the General Federation whose charming presence and wise counsel added greatly to the interest of the convention.

Mrs. Emma A. Fox of Detroit, Second Vice-president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, spoke on "Parliamentary Problems." "A New Law and What We Can Do with It," was the theme of an address by Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane. Prof. Isaac N. Demmon, LL.D., Prof. of Rhetoric and Literature, University of Michigan, spoke, also Mrs. Robert Burdette who gave an address on "The Care of the Junior Citizen,—A Plea for the Betterment of Child Life."

Mrs. Emma A. Fox of Detroit was elected state parliamentarian, and Mrs. Ida Marks was chosen state correspondent to the "Club Woman," the official organ of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Dean of Women, Myra B. Jordan of the University of Michigan, spoke on "The Relation of the University to the Community." Mrs. Marie B. Ferrey, Lansing, gave a paper on "Clubs," and Mrs. Homeria Bouton Sowers, Benton Harbor, closed the afternoon program with a paper on "Originality."

Total receipts for the year, \$573.27; disbursements, \$398.72; balance in treasury, \$174.55.

At this convention, 130 of the 156 clubs composing the Federation were represented by delegates. The number of Michigan clubs in the General Federation of Women's Clubs was 16. Twenty-seven clubs owned libraries. The number of clubs doing philanthropic work had increased.



Mrs. Lois L. Felker

EIGHTH ADMINISTRATION: 1904-1906

MRS. LOIS L. FELKER

PRESIDENT

By IRMA T. JONES, *Lansing*

As condensed by Mrs. Alice M. Hibbard, Member of Ladies' History Class, St. Clair, Michigan.

THE MICHIGAN STATE FEDERATION of Women's Clubs was eleven years old, and had passed the experimental stage, when Mrs. Lois L. Felker, eighth president, took office. Serving the first term with Mrs. Felker were: First Vice-president, Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith, Hastings; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Lucy White Williams, Lapeer; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Sarah Marshall Weaver, Charlotte; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Temple Smith, West Bay City; Treasurer, Mrs. Florence G. Mills, Kalamazoo; Directors: Mrs. Emma Nichols Wanty, Grand Rapids; Mrs. John O. Sharp, Jackson; Mrs. Marguerite W. Sly, Lansing; Mrs. Ella S. Chaffee, Plymouth.

The General Federation had for fifteen years been demonstrating the power of organized womanhood. The clubs of the State were accepting organization into larger spheres of usefulness, and were asking not so much, "What shall we receive?" as "What can we give?" "How can we equip ourselves for our own work and for the larger work?"

Mrs. Felker's "Greeting" is quoted in the following:

"A new corps of officers greets you; four have had experience upon the Board of Managers. I have confidence that this new board will give of its best to the year's work. I have confidence that the 12,000 loyal club members whom we represent will uphold the interests of the federation.

"The Woman's club of today is the University Extension for the woman who is out of college life. It is the educational institution of the altruistic woman. Our federation of clubs stands for union of effort. Our standing committees will need the support and assistance of each club woman."

The number of Michigan clubs in the General Federation was 17; owning club houses 112; using State Traveling Libraries, 54. The report of the Corresponding Secretary showed increase in altruistic work; 66 clubs did something for education; 75 worked for town

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improvement; 41 accomplished some kind of philanthropic work. Twenty-four new clubs were admitted. Receipts, including payments for the "Lucy Hinsdale Stone Memorial" were \$4,494.54. Disbursements were \$3,482.96; balance in treasury, \$1,011.58.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs was held in Kalamazoo, in 1905. Hostess clubs were the Twentieth Century and the Ladies' Library Association. Mrs. Belle M. Perry wrote in the CHARLOTTE TRIBUNE:-

"Judge Julian V. Mack, of the Juvenile Court of Chicago, told of what this new movement is doing for boys, and hence for society: awakening an interest in one of the most vital reforms of the present day.

"Mrs. Jenny C. Law-Hardy, long a resident of Australia and New Zealand, now a resident of Michigan, told of these remarkable countries and made our Michigan women realize how feeble are the efforts of organized womanhood without voting power, as compared to such efforts in a country where men and women stand on equal terms before the law.

"Mrs. Nellie Kedzie Jones' address on 'The Making of Patriots' was another feature of the convention.

"Obedience, service and sacrifice were given as the fundamentals of a patriotism that will not only die for its country in the case of need, but live for it in the routine of every day, which is a thing of much more importance.

"Bishop Gillespie of Grand Rapids followed with an address written out of his long and valuable experience in philanthropic work in Michigan.

"At the meeting in Kalamazoo the completion of the Lucy Hinsdale Stone Memorial Fund was announced. The committee, especially Mrs. Lucy F. Andrews of Three Rivers, chairman, and Miss Clara A. Avery of Detroit, custodian of the fund, deserve the lasting gratitude of the Federation. This living monument to Michigan club women as well as a memorial to their club mother was the largest permanent work undertaken at that time for the State Federation."

It becomes evident that the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs is a power for good and that the spirit of service penetrates every branch of its work.

The By-Laws were changed so as to reduce the representation of all clubs having a membership of 100 or fewer, to one delegate, at the annual conventions, and providing for the following representation for larger clubs; one delegate and one additional dollar dues for each additional 100 membership.

Quoting Mrs. Felker:

"The slogan of the first meeting of this administration held in Kalamazoo, WAS READ YOUR MANUAL. The Federation Manuals are of increasing value

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from year to year, they have become an encyclopedia in regard to club work. Each previous year had also urged cooperation between the State Federation board, its officers and committees and the individual club members. The legacy of the preceding administration was the library committee, with a representative in each congressional district. This committee reported the cooperation of the State Board of Library Commissioners, the helpfulness of the State Librarian, and acknowledged the aid of a club letter written by Mrs. Felker to accompany the Library Extension circular. Nineteen traveling libraries were placed, in addition to promoting interest and knowledge in regard to the state aid to libraries which Michigan offers her people. Sixty-nine clubs use traveling libraries in their study.

"Another memorial was launched, to perpetuate in the growing of the Washington Elms and Ginkgo trees the memory of Mrs. Martha E. Root, first "forestry" chairman, the distribution of which beautiful trees was arranged by her brother.

"Our legislative committee supported the first Juvenile Court bill. While the bill presented to the Legislature was not the one drafted by our committee, the committee used every means to aid in the adoption of the bill, which for a time became a law, but was later pronounced by the Supreme Court as unconstitutional. However this led to the framing of the present law which has proved so satisfactory in its application.

"This same legislative committee with Mrs. Jeannette O. Ferris as chairman became intensely interested in what the state was doing or not doing for the care of the feeble-minded. Upon invitation of the chairman of the State Board of the Institution for the Feeble-Minded, Mrs. Ferris visited the institution, became conversant with its needs and in conjunction with the president of the State Federation, used the machinery of that organization to aid in securing an appropriation that was much needed. After the legislature had granted a much larger amount than had been obtained for years and which was to be used for a greatly needed Manual Training Department, the chairman of the State Board sent a personal letter of thanks to our legislative committee for the aid the club women had given, expressing the opinion that so large an appropriation could never have been obtained without their assistance."

The General Federation recommended that the standing committees of state organizations be made uniform with those of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. At the meeting in Kalamazoo, the list was made to conform with those of the General Federation.

THE WOMAN'S FORUM, Marshall, was made the official organ of the state Federation, without financial obligation, for one year.

One of the needs of the administration was some satisfactory

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means of communication between the Board of Managers and the clubs.

A plan of a Club Bulletin was devised and urged as a recommendation upon the incoming administration in the hope of its adoption and the experiment tried.

The mid-year meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the home of Mrs. Lucy White Williams, Lapeer, in April 1906. A unique and interesting event was a play given for the Board at the Home of the Feeble-Minded by inmates of the Home under the direction of the teachers.

The annual convention was held in Benton Harbor, October 16, 17, 18, 1906. Hostesses were the three federated clubs: the Ossoli, the "Daughters of Ossoli" and the Chautauqua Alumni. For the first time in its history one of the smaller cities entertained the state federation. This was possible owing to the fact that the representation was reduced the previous year from two delegates to one delegate per club. Even with this reduction it meant the entertainment of 230 women. The meetings were held at Bell Opera House. The principal address of welcome was given by Mrs. Katie Putnam Emery, president of Ossoli Club. Dr. Emily Brainerd Ryder of Chicago, who had spent thirteen years in India was a speaker. She was the founder of the Bombay Sorosis, a sisterhood of high class young wives now numbering upwards of 200 holding regular meetings similar to the club meetings of this country and affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

There were papers given as follows: "The Relation of the Dairy and Food Department to the Home," by State Chemist, F. W. Robinson; "Humane Societies," by Mrs. Carrie A. Barre, Hillsdale; "The State Library—Its Relation to the People," by Mrs. Mary C. Spencer, State Librarian, Lansing; "Tuberculosis," Dr. Jeanne C. Solis, Ann Arbor; "Patriotism," Mrs. Knapp, Howell; "What State Registration of Nurses Means," by the president of the State Association, Miss Sarah E. Sly; "Coming Legislation," Rev. Jeannette O. Ferris; "Recent Progress in Almshouse Reform," Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane; "Women Wage Earners and Child Labor in Michigan," by the State Commissioner of Labor, Mr. Malcolm McLeod; "Systematic Saving," Mrs. Ramsey, Kalamazoo; "Our Friends, the Trees," Mr. Enos A. Mills, of Colorado; "Why Michigan Needs the Juvenile Court," by Judge Alfred Wolcott, head of this court in Grand Rapids, through the two months of its existence in Michigan.

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The Board of Managers was authorized to publish three issues, 500 copies each of a bulletin to serve after the manner of THE INTERCHANGE. This was named THE MICHIGAN CLUB BULLETIN.

The chairman of the forestry committee was made a member of the State Forestry Association, a gift of ten dollars being paid for the annual dues.

A committee of Corrections and Charities, to cooperate with the State Board of Corrections and Charities, was added to the list of standing committees.

A club conference on the afternoon of the opening day at the next annual meeting was decided upon.

A Michigan club map was featured in the Manual for 1905-1906. This map shows the location of the 185 federated clubs affiliated at that time, the several state institutions, the county almshouses, the county jails, and heavy lines indicated congressional districts, all rendering the map invaluable to standing committees of the federation.

The officers for 1905-1906: President, Mrs. Lois L. Felker, Grand Rapids; First Vice-president; Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith, Hastings; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Marguerite W. Sly, Lansing; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Sarah Marshall Weaver, Charlotte; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Temple Smith, West Bay City; Treasurer, Mrs. Florence G. Mills, Kalamazoo; Directors: Mrs. Augusta D. Barnes, Howell; Mrs. Cyrus E. Perkins, Grand Rapids; Mrs. H. R. Reynolds, Manistee; Mrs. Adell Halbert McMaster, Hancock.

Total Receipts were \$1,269.78; disbursements, \$799.75; balance, \$470.03.

Mrs. Allen Nims, Muskegon, was General Federation Secretary for both years of Mrs. Felker's administration.

This administration has stood for a reverent acknowledgement of an overruling God, self culture, philanthropy, good industrial conditions, and all that pertains to the highest ideal in the Home, the State, and the Nation.



Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith

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MRS. FRANCES WHEELER SMITH
PRESIDENT

BROADENING ENDEAVORS

By IRMA T. JONES, Lansing

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THE ANNUAL CONVENTION at Flint with Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith, president, presiding was marked by an increase in membership and by enthusiastic and harmonious cooperation. The influence of THE MICHIGAN CLUB BULLETIN was manifest in a wider knowledge of the aims and opportunities of the federation.

Michigan State Federation responded to the plea for funds for the Alice Freeman Palmer Memorial Scholarship.

An invitation for the next convention to be held at Traverse City was accepted. Clubs represented at Flint, 178; clubs and county federations in the Michigan State Federation, 192; county federations in the State Federation, 3; county federations not in the State Federation, 6.

A new letter head for Federation correspondence was devised, listing names and addresses of chairmen of standing committees as well as federation officers.

The convention voted to hold a three-day meeting in the future, due to the success of preliminary half-day meeting this year. The Martha E. Snyder Root Memorial Tree Committee merged with the Forestry Committee to be called the Forestry and Memorial Committee.

A resolution was passed requesting each local club to appoint a library committee to act under the direction of the library committee of the State Federation in the interest of library extension. A resolution requesting the cooperation of club women of Michigan with Audubon societies in an effort to discourage the wearing of wild birds' plumage on hats after being referred to Board of Managers by the convention was passed by the board.

The annual mid-year meeting of the board of Managers of the

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Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs was held in the home of Mrs. John O. Sharp, at Jackson April 7, 8, 9, 1908 by invitation of the 12 federated clubs of that city.

Mrs. Margaret Temple Smith of West Bay City was the only absentee. The second day was given to hearing reports of ten committee chairmen. The date of the coming annual convention to be held in Traverse City was set for Oct. 20, 21, 22, 23, 1908, the first four day convention held in the history of the Federation. Thirteen new clubs were admitted to membership.

It was decided that clubs loaning papers from the Reciprocity Bureau may be allowed to hold them not to exceed four weeks; also that one copy of the Bulletin will be sent to each club, addressed to the president.

A general literature table was arranged for the Traverse City meeting, in charge of Mrs. Sarah Marshall Weaver, who would receive subscriptions for the Bulletin and Manual.

The chairman of Art requested that a few pictures be added to the traveling gallery. She was authorized to ascertain the cost of the additions and to report at Traverse City. She was also asked to try to secure a picture loan from the General Federation for the annual convention.

A dinner was served at the home of Mrs. Armstrong, wife of the warden of Jackson prison, on Friday to the members of the board and chairmen of committees, and all were given an opportunity to visit the prison.

Following the report of Mrs. Ferry, chairman of the Historical Committee, it was voted to purchase two each of the small state and national flags supplied by Mrs. Ferry to be used at public meetings of the State Federation.

Mrs. Josephine Gould of Owosso, chairman of the Educational Committee, reported that \$599 had been added to the Alice Freeman Palmer Fund; 86 clubs contributing.

In the evening a reception for 500 was given in the Parish House of St. Paul's Church. Mrs. Anna Berger Lynch accompanied by Miss Erminie Bulson rendered several cornet selections. A Browning recital, "Blot-on the 'Scutcheon'," was given by Rev. Robert W. Van Kirk.

The report of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs as presented at the Biennial on President's night, by Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith, follows:

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"In two years Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs has a net gain of 21 clubs, city and county federations, with a total membership of 205, with 5 applications not yet acted upon.

"It has raised \$700 for the Alice Freeman Palmer Memorial Scholarship Fund in the University of Michigan.

"It has established and maintained an official state organ, The Michigan Club Bulletin, whose efficiency has strengthened the relation between the clubs and the federation. It has been the strongest factor in obtaining the Juvenile Court and Contributory Negligence Law which inaugurated a new era for childhood and youth; also an appropriation of \$96,000 for the enlargement of the Home for Epileptics and Feeble-minded at Lapeer.

"Its officers have helped organize a state Anti-Tuberculosis Society. A club-woman was one of the speakers at the meeting for organization, another is vice-president and others are members of the Board of Directors. This work promises to be prominent in the Michigan State Federation.

"The Committee of Corrections and Charities has under way a systematic campaign for hospital care and nursing in almshouses, so that our sick poor may be treated as well as the insane and criminal.

"Civic and Town Improvement is the most popular work in the federation; Civil Service Reform, the hardest in which to interest clubs. Interest in Art is on the ascending scale; literature forms the background of most club programs.

"A notable contribution to forestry literature has been the "Forestry Catechism" and "Prose and Verse" for Forestry Days, by the Chairman of the Forestry Committee.

"The Library Committee has aided the State Library Commission in putting into circulation 340 traveling libraries and has carefully fostered every phase of library interest.

"The Household Economics committee has as its able chairman, the Dean of Women in Michigan Agricultural College.

"We have been loyal to the calls from the General Federation of Women's Clubs. We have conformed in our committees and in our year books and will continue to conform as long as the present high standard is maintained in the General Federation."

In October came the 14th annual meeting in Traverse City. Through a county ablaze with the brilliant red and yellow coloring of autumn, interspersed at frequent intervals with green of pine and spruce, there came together delegates from 121 clubs of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs. The meetings held in the First Congregational Church were characterized by earnestness and enthusiasm.

Following the invocation by Rev. T. Boyd Gay, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, came the recitation in unison of the "Mary

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Stewart Collect" for club women as follows: "Keep us, O God, from pettiness, let us be large in thought, in word, in deed. Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking. May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice. May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous. Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle. Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid. Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are at one. And may we strive to touch and to know the great common woman's heart of us all, and O Lord God, let us forget not to be kind."

The hymn, "Work for the Night is Coming," gave the keynote to the convention. In addition to the greeting by Mrs. Lorin Roberts, representing local clubs, addresses of welcome by Hon. W. D. C. Germaine, mayor of Traverse City, Hon. J. R. Santo, president of the Board of Trade, Rev. Demas Cochlin, pastor First Congregational Church, with response by federation president, Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith, there were addresses as follows: "Essentials and Non-Essentials," by Mrs. Kate Upson Clarke, from New York; "Household Science" by Dr. Carolyn Geisel of Battle Creek who made this theme glow and burn with human interest; "What Club Women Can Do in the Campaign Against Tuberculosis," by Dr. Victor C. Vaughn, Dean of the Medical Dept. of the University of Michigan. Mrs. Caroline Bartlett Crane addressed the same audience on "After Clean-up Day, What Next?"

On Wednesday afternoon came the president's report and those of delegates to the Boston Biennial under those divisions on Business, Social and Entertainment Features, Notable Addresses and Impressions.

A new feature was the reading of the best paper sent to the Reciprocity Committee during the year—"Birds" by Miss Violet Lewis of Saginaw.

The afternoon devoted to "Memories and Melodies of the Indians of the Traverse Country," was unique. An Indian minister with a sextette of singers from Northport talked about his people and their relation to the white men. The choir sang hymns in the aboriginal language with one of their number at the organ. Mrs. B. Wait of Traverse City spoke on "Indian and Pioneer Life;" "Basketry and Kindred Arts" by Mrs. A. W. Peck was accompanied with

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an exhibition; and an Indian legend was told with charm by Miss Clara N. Bates.

A delightful ride along the shores of the bay and through the shaded streets, was tendered by the Board of Trade. To Mrs. Estelle Kneeland and her corps of able assistants must be given credit for the perfect arrangement which made possible one of the best annual meetings of the State Federation.

Friday afternoon was an "Afternoon with Flowers and Trees," the report of the chairman of the Forestry Committee, Mrs. Frances King of Alma. This was followed by an address "The Outlook for Michigan Forestry, Our Duty" by Hon. Chas. W. Garfield, Grand Rapids, President of the Michigan Forestry Commission. This, the Board of Supervisors, in session in the city, adjourned to attend. Other addresses given were "Gardening as a Fine Art in Grand Rapids" and "A Practical Talk on Shrubbery for Home Grounds" by Prof. Thomas Gunson, Michigan Agricultural College, and "Improving Country School Yards" by Mrs. Belle M. Perry.

The convention closed with the introduction of the new officers and singing "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again."

Notable changes during this administration were: standing committees were ordered arranged alphabetically for ready reference; the size of the Manuals was changed to conform to the dimensions suggested by the General Federation of Women's Clubs; the By-Laws were amended to admit the Jewish Woman's Club of Detroit. The Collect was used for the first time at Traverse City and has been used ever since. This administration is memorable for launching and sustaining the Michigan Club Bulletin ordered by previous Board of Managers. The literature table undoubtedly served to increase interest and spread information.

Officers for 1907 were: President, Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith, Hastings; Vice-president, Mrs. Florence G. Mills, Kalamazoo; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Margaret Temple Smith, West Bay City; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Warren Carroll, Benton Harbor; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Elnora Chamberlin, Hartford; Treasurer, Mrs. Sarah Wright Lancashire, Alma. Directors: Mrs. Augusta D. Barnes, Howell; Mrs. Della Foote Perkins, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Adell Halbert McMaster, Hancock; Mrs. Ella E. Thomas, Cadillac; General Federation Secretary for Michigan, Mrs. Lois L. Felker, Grand Rapids; State Parliamentarian, Mrs. Emma Augusta Fox, Detroit. Editors "Michigan Club Bulletin", Mrs. Belle M. Perry, Charlotte:

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Mrs. Sarah Marshall Weaver, Charlotte; State Correspondent "The Federation Bulletin", Mrs. Kate E. Ward, Hillsdale.

At the annual meeting held in Flint, 1907, all officers were re-elected for the coming year with the following Directors: Mrs. Ella E. Thomas, Cadillac; Mrs. Sarah A. Durand, Flint; Mrs. Clara B. Arthur, Detroit; Mrs. M. H. Barber, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Lois L. Felker was made General Federation Secretary from Michigan; Mesdames Perry and Weaver were continued as editors of "Michigan Club Bulletin", Mrs. Emma A. Fox as state parliamentarian.



Mrs. Florence G. Mills

TENTH ADMINISTRATION: 1908-1910

MRS. FLORENCE G. MILLS

PRESIDENT

By IRMA T. JONES, Lansing

As condensed by Mrs. Alice M. Hibbard, Member of Ladies' History Class, St. Clair, Michigan.

OFFICERS for the tenth administration of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs were as follows: President, Mrs. Florence G. Mills, Kalamazoo; First Vice-president, Mrs. Lucy White Williams, Lapeer; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Elnora Chamberlin, Hartford; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Charles T. Williams, Grand Rapids; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Clara N. Bates, Traverse City; Treasurer, Mrs. John O. Sharp, Jackson; Directors: Mrs. Clara B. Arthur, Detroit; Miss Maude Gilchrist, East Lansing; Mrs. Sarah A. Durand, Flint; Mrs. Nettie P. Vennama, Menominee; General Federation Secretary for Michigan, Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith, Hastings; State Parliamentarian, Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Detroit; Editors Michigan Club Bulletin, Mrs. Belle M. Perry, Charlotte and Mrs. Sarah Marshall Weaver, Charlotte.

Membership—205, which included two state associations, four county federations, six city federations and 193 individual clubs with a total approximate membership of 16,600. Work was carried on by nineteen standing committees.

Total receipts of year ending October 1909, \$1,033.18; disbursements, \$629.49; balance \$403.69.

The fifteenth annual meeting was held in Hillsdale, October 19, 20, 21, 22, 1909, by invitation of the mayor and citizens, the president of Hillsdale College, and the women's clubs of that city.

The constructive policy of the Civil Service Reform Committee was remarkable at a time when the adoption of that bill was before the State Legislature for consideration.

The Committee on Household Economy aroused the club-women of the state to the necessity of studying scientific homemaking, and the establishment of domestic science in the public schools.

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The first mid-year board meeting was held in Dowagiac, April, 1909. The hostess club was the Nineteenth Century Club, a charter club in the State Federation organized 20 years previously by Mrs. Lucinda Hinsdale Stone of Kalamazoo. The most important feature of this board meeting was the reconstruction of the Legislative Committee,—to consist of a member representing each Congressional District. Seven clubs were admitted to membership.

Among the speakers, at the annual meeting were President Mauck of Hillsdale College, Edward Amherst Ott of Chicago, Mrs. Virginia Meredith of Indiana, Frank M. Byram, James F. Hill, Dr. Caroline E. Geisel and Miss Mary Hinsdale.

A round table of brief addresses was given by the ex-presidents of the Federation.

A sub-committee to the Forestry Committee, to be known as "Waterways," was established; also a "Public Health" committee.

The chairman of the Legislative Committee gave notice that our own federation bill to be known as "The Indigent Children's Pension Bill" would be introduced at the present session of the legislature.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"Resolved, That the members of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, individually and collectively, endeavor to eradicate the White Slave trade in our country, and that we request the General Federation to consider the subject at its next Biennial in Cincinnati."

The following resolution was referred to the Board of Managers, to be referred by them to the individual clubs of the Federation to be voted upon at the next annual meeting:

"Recognizing the handicap to much of the most vital work for which the Federation stands, because those men to whom clubwomen must look to carry out reforms are not dependent upon the votes of women for their election or appointment, therefore, Resolved; That the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs make the coming year memorable in the history of the Federation, by placing itself on record as in favor of extending the elective franchise to women on equal terms with men."

The Prize paper submitted by the Reciprocity Bureau, "Distribution and Americanization of our Immigrants," was read by Mrs. Edna S. Blair, its author.

Miss Clara A. Avery, federation member of the Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Memorial Scholarship, reported that since March, 1906, eleven young women have been helped from the fund: all of them teaching, except two. Total amount loaned, \$1,650.

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Mrs. Cyrus F. Perkins recommended a plan to provide a Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs scrap-book, for the preservation of data concerning its history and promoters, that might in time be of interest and value for reference. Mrs. Perkins was appointed to compile such a scrap-book.

The president of the Federation and the chairman of the Literature Table, made plans for a Michigan State Federation Cook Book to contain the favorite recipes of the club women of Michigan, hoping the book would be a source of revenue.

The officers for the coming year were announced as follows: President, Mrs. Florence G. Mills; First Vice-president, Mrs. Lucy White Williams; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Elnora Chamberlin; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Laura T. Williams; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Clara N. Bates; Treasurer, Mrs. Nellie C. Sharp; Directors, Miss Maude Gilchrist, Mrs. Nettie P. Vennema, Mrs. Carrie A. Barre, Mrs. Nina DeLong Sands; General Federation Secretary, Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith, Hastings; State Parliamentarian, Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Detroit; Editors Michigan Club Bulletin, Mesdames Belle M. Perry, and Sarah Marshall Weaver, Charlotte.

The mid-year meeting of the Board of Managers of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs was held in the home of Mrs. Huntley Russell, in Grand Rapids on March 30 and 31, 1910. The full board was present; seven new clubs were admitted to membership.

Michigan was well represented at the Biennial of General Federation of Women's Clubs held in Cincinnati, May, 1910. At this meeting, the General Federation voted to strike out the name "Standing Committees" and insert "Departments of Work" in their stead, and asked the state federations to conform to this change; also to send in to the Biennial Board a plan for combining and condensing the work of the federation under fewer heads. These requests were complied with. The president in response to a request of the General Federation, appointed a "Federated Clubs Press Committee" to serve as a special committee of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs to interest every Michigan paper in the important work of the clubs of our state, that the management of the various publications may devote certain space in their papers to club work to promote its growth. Mrs. Grace Greenwood Browne, Harbor Beach, was appointed chairman.

The sixteenth annual convention met in Battle Creek, October 18 to 21 inclusive, 1910, by invitation of the Sanitarium officials,

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the Battle Creek Industrial Association, the Women's League and the Women's Literary Club. Special prominence was given reports on Forestry, Waterways, Art, and the Biennial symposium, of which Conservation was the keynote.

Dr. Geisel made an impassioned plea for the "White Slave."

Dr. John H. Kellogg gave an illustrated lecture on "The New Hygiene," and Dr. Henry Curtis spoke on the work of the National Playground Association.

Addresses were made by Mrs. John Sherwood of Chicago, Miss Clara Mingins of Grand Rapids, Dr. H. Der Garabedian, Asia Minor, and Prof. Filibert Roth of Ann Arbor.

A loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Sarah Marshall Weaver of Charlotte, was read by Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith, and a memorial to Julia Ward Howe was given by Mrs. Lois Felker, followed by the singing of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," with the audience standing.

The franchise resolution which had been referred to individual clubs the year before was adopted by a large majority vote.

The following resolution offered by Mrs. Emma A. Fox of Detroit was adopted:

"Whereas, One of the greatest books of the century has been written by a citizen of Michigan, a fact of which every resident of the state feels justly proud, and

"Whereas, The purpose of the book is the setting forth of the horrors of war to the end that a peaceful settlement of all difficulties may be universally considered practicable and desirable, and

"Whereas, We know of no work which more justly merits the recognition of the Nobel Peace Prize, therefore

"Resolved, That the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, representing over 17,000 women residents of the State of Michigan, hereby endorses Will Levington Comfort's great book "Routledge Rides Alone," and recommends the author as one on whom the Nobel Peace Prize might worthily be bestowed."

The recommendation that a publicity committee, to be known as "The Press Committee" be established, made by Mrs. Mills, president, was adopted.

Total receipts for the year, including balance on hand from previous year, \$1,187.76.

A banquet was given by the Battle Creek Sanitarium in their large gymnasium to more than 700 club women, Mrs. C. E. Stewart of the

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Sanitarium acting as toast mistress. Program:—"Early Days of Federation," Mrs. Emma A. Fox; "The Club Woman of Today," Mrs. F. G. Mills; "Club Husbands," Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith; "Our Greatest National Asset—The Child," Dr. C. E. Geisel; "The Woman Lobbyist," Mrs. Kate V. English; "The Altruistic Spirit," Mrs. Lucy W. Williams; "Our Hosts and Hostesses," Mrs. Belle M. Perry.

Mrs. Josephine M. Gould, treasurer of the Alice Freeman Palmer Scholarship Fund, reported gifts of \$2 each from a number of federated clubs and urged that these gifts be continued from other clubs to increase the contribution of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs to \$1,000.

Miss Clara A. Avery, Federation member of the Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Memorial Scholarship Fund, reported 17 girls helped by loans to the amount of \$1525 since the interest became available in 1906, and an amount on hand for loaning, \$500. Seven loans have been repaid at different times, to the amount of \$770. One loan of \$755 had not been paid, due to the death of the borrower.

The key-note of Mrs. Mills' administration was, philanthropic and educational reform and the promotion of legislative measures. The State Federation co-operated with other state associations working along these lines.

President Mills was invited to address the State Forestry meeting in December, and at the mid-year meeting of the board, a resolution was passed requiring some member of our Forestry committee to attend the State Forestry meetings. Early in December, the State Board of Corrections and Charities met in Grand Rapids. In the absence of the Federation chairman, Mrs. Caroline Bartlett Crane, her report was read by Mrs. Lois L. Felker; Mrs. Wanty, and Mrs. Mitchell also attended; Mrs. Mills, State Federation president, was asked to address the State Association of Corrections and Charities upon the subject of "Woman in Philanthropy."

During the two years of her administration Mrs. Mills was able to visit and encourage many affiliated clubs and several county federations. During these two years, 34 clubs joined the State Federation and 8 withdrew, leaving a net gain of 26 clubs.

In concluding a review of her administration Mrs. Mills wrote:

"The natural evolution of club life has brought to the club woman many things. She has gained poise and self-control and a knowledge of her own powers, and better than all the rest, she has come to know that it is not what she takes that counts, but what she gives."



Mrs. Lucy White Williams

ELEVENTH ADMINISTRATION: 1910-1912

MRS. LUCY WHITE WILLIAMS

PRESIDENT

By IRMA T. JONES, *Lansing*

As condensed by Mrs. Alice M. Hibbard, Member of Ladies' History Class, St. Clair, Michigan.

THE ADMINISTRATION of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs passed to the following officers in October 1910: President, Mrs. Lucy White Williams, Lapeer; Vice-president, Mrs. Elnora Chamberlin, Hartford; Second Vice-president, Mrs. John C. Sharp, Jackson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. H. Ashbaugh, Detroit; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Florence Frensdorf, Hudson; Treasurer, Mrs. James A. Muir; Directors, Mrs. Carrie A. Barre, Hillsdale; Mrs. Nine DeLong Sands, Pentwater; Mrs. George R. Peet, Battle Creek; Mrs. Charles T. Williams, Grand Rapids; General Federation Secretary for Michigan, Mrs. Florence G. Mills, Kalamazoo; State Parliamentarian, Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Detroit; Editor Michigan Club Bulletin, Mrs. Belle M. Perry, Charlotte.

The Michigan Federation was no longer a small organization of a few earnest but inexperienced women. Two hundred and thirty-one clubs with an approximate membership of 18,500 were ready to be drafted for service, in any of its twenty-three departments of work.

As usual, the first important effort of the new board after revising the list of chairmen of departments and their assistants, consisted in preparation for the seventeenth annual meeting of the Federation to be held in Detroit, in October, 1911, by invitation of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce and Detroit Federation of clubs. Although the Michigan Club Bulletin and the Manuals are full of material helpful to the historian, none of these available afford information regarding the two board meetings held prior to the seventeenth annual meeting. It appears that two were held, one at Port Huron and another at Detroit.

The General Federation Secretary, Mrs. Mills, reported that since the sale of printed reports of the General Federation at the Literature table, interest in the General Federation has greatly in-

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creased. At the Cincinnati Biennial an effort was put forth to establish an endowment fund for that organization. The Board of Directors of the Michigan Federation voted to contribute \$25 to this fund, the beginning of our State assessment of \$4,000.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs was held in Convention Hall, Hotel Pontchartrain, Detroit, October 1911. Mrs. Philip North Moore, General Federation president, Mrs. Howard Warren, President of the New Jersey Federation, and Mrs. Plummer, President of the Maine Federation, honored Michigan by their presence. Mrs. Moore had asked that the special work of the Michigan Federation for the year should be the welfare of women and children. The keynote of the convention was "Home".

Department conferences were inaugurated, that of "Conservation" on the first day and "Art" on the last having especially fine programs.

Dr. Caroline Geisel's address on the "Department of Public Health" compelled intense interest. Miss Zona Gale, Wisconsin author, read one of her delightful "Friendship Village" stories. Mr. James O'Donnell Bennett, dramatic critic of the Chicago Record Herald, gave an address on Drama League work and Hon. George H. Maxwell of Chicago addressed the Federation on "Woman's Work for Humanity". The subject, "The Child and His Moral Responsibility" was presented by Miss Clara W. Mingins.

Mr. Charles L. Freer extended an invitation to the delegates to visit his art collection, which included the famous "Whistler Peacock" room.

The officers and directors, the past-presidents, with Mrs. Philip N. Moore and Mrs. Howard Warren were entertained at luncheon at the Pontchartrain by Mrs. Emma A. Fox, past-president of the Michigan State Federation, Mrs. George G. Caron, president Detroit Federation, Mrs. William H. Holden, chairman local arrangements, and Mrs. R. H. Ashbaugh, recording secretary Michigan Federation.

"The Epoch of the Child," a paper by Mrs. Todd Lunsford, Charlotte, awarded the prize by "The Reciprocity Bureau," was read Friday morning. A report from the Alice Freeman Palmer Scholarship Fund treasurer showed that \$1,500 still remained to be collected. Mrs. Myra B. Jordan, Secretary of the Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Memorial Committee, reported that in the six years that fund had been in operation, loans amounting to \$2,220 had been made to 24 women

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students. This with the cash on hand, showed that the original fund had yielded to date \$2,779. A loan was made in 1906 and again in 1907 to a medical student, now the only woman medical missionary in Busrah, Arabia, at a hospital for women and children. Most of these loans were made to junior and senior girls for a period of from two to four years without interest, nearly all had paid promptly.

Mrs. Della Foote Perkins, chairman of the Scrapbook, reported the work completed. It contains photographs of each succeeding president of the Michigan Federation, post cards of the places of meetings, programs of the year and other circulars and accounts of the reports and addresses.

The book opens with a good photograph of Mrs. Stone, the beloved mother of our clubs, and an account of her life, travels and remarkable work.

In response to letters from the secretary of the Alabama State Federation Mrs. Perkins had a replica of our book made and sent to them as a greeting from Michigan to Alabama.

Mrs. Belle M. Perry, editor of *The Michigan Club Bulletin*, announced after 5 years the Bulletin had become self-supporting. Michigan was a pioneer among state Federations maintaining their own official organs. Mrs. Perry announced her retirement as editor of the Bulletin. In view of this, two resolutions commending Mrs. Perry's 17 years of faithful and efficient service, were passed unanimously.

By a vote of 98 to 25, Article I, Section 2 of the By-Laws was amended so that hereafter the annual dues of each club, society and organization belonging to the Federation numbering 100 or fewer shall be \$4.00, payable thirty days before the annual meeting. Clubs having membership of more than 100 shall pay \$1.50 extra for each 100 members.

Mrs. Margaret Temple Smith, chairman, announced that enough cook books had been sold to pay for the publication of 4,000 additional cook books ordered in August 1909.

It was voted that as the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs has nearly reached its majority, the board appoint a committee to write a complete history of the organization.

A resolution of historic significance passed by the Convention was the following:—

"Resolved: That the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs send to Madame Breshkovsky a message of greeting, appreciation and hope in

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her exile. In full sympathy with her peaceful and educational propaganda in behalf of liberty and enlightenment, and with a deep sense of sorrow that she is called upon to suffer for her inalienable rights, the Federation expresses the hope that her exile may soon end and that she be restored to her family, her friends and the world."

Probably no previous convention manifested so hearty and wide interest in present day problems as is shown by different resolutions presented and adopted by the convention in Detroit.

Receipts, including balance on hand Oct. 15, 1910, were \$1,137.12; total disbursements, \$635.89; balance \$501.23, from which sum all expenses of current year must be paid.

Extracts from the address of the President, Mrs. Lucy White Williams follow:—

"Michigan has 245 clubs with a membership of 18,500. Twenty-three standing committees carry on the work of this organization.

"The past year was a harvest time for our legislative chairman. A bill known as the Mapes Bill, which provides means whereby children of indigent parents, under school age, may attend school was passed. The other successful bills for which the Legislative committee worked so assiduously were a bill prohibiting fraternities and sororities in high schools in our state; a bill pertaining to the property rights of women and a law relative to the employment of children in theatres and night messenger service.

"The chairman of Conservation reported a growing interest in all branches of that work. Outside of literary lines of work, civics has always led in popularity, which is not only true of Michigan, but in other states. The common drinking cup has been almost universally abolished. Public health has made great strides in Michigan. Flies and mosquitoes are doomed, and the warfare against tuberculosis is very general. In our larger cities the women are interested in public baths, playgrounds, school gardens and whatever has a definite bearing on the welfare of the child.

"Much of the committee work is hampered by the lack of money. It is from conventions that much of our enthusiasm for altruistic work comes. The appeals that have come to us from the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, the State Library, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and various other organizations throughout the state all go to show that the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs has come to be a factor that has to be considered in planning the future welfare of the State.

"We have noted a marked increase among clubs in interest in public questions. It is the common, every day things in club life that must receive our most careful attention. The unusual things as a rule are well cared for.

"We are beginning to realize that patience and perseverance are quite as necessary in carrying on the work as push and pluck."

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The invitation extended by the Saginaw Board of Trade, the Saginaw Board of Auditorium Trustees, and the Saginaw Federation of Women's Clubs to hold the annual convention of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs in Saginaw, October 1912, was accepted with pleasure.

The corresponding secretary reported 16 new clubs admitted during the year, and 4 withdrawn. 11 county Federations in the state, all but one in the Federation. Number of Michigan clubs in General Federation 14; number owning club houses 17; number owning libraries 48; and reporting 31,000 volumes.

Officers elected at Detroit for the year 1912 were: President, Mrs. Lucy White Williams, Lapeer; Vice-president, Mrs. Elnora Chamberlin, Hartford; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Nina DeLong Sands, Pentwater; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. H. Ashbaugh, Detroit; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Clara Waters Baldwin, Muskegon; Treasurer, Mrs. James A. Muir, Port Huron; Directors, Miss Florence Frensdorf, Hudson; Mrs. Adeline Graves Blakeslee, Galien; Mrs. Myra Beach Jordan, Dean of Women, U. of M., Ann Arbor; Mrs. J. M. Brooks, Saginaw; General Federation Secretary, Mrs. Florence G. Mills, Kalamazoo; State Parliamentarian, Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Detroit; Michigan Club Bulletin, Editor, Mrs. Florence I. Bulson, Jackson; Business Manager, Mrs. Ione E. Ward, Charlotte.

The mid-year meeting of the Board of Managers was held in Albion March 7 and 8 by invitation of the E.L.T. Club of that city.

Upon invitation of President Dickie, a visit was made to Albion College where an interesting musical was presented. Mrs. Williams, president of the Federation, was invited to address the students.

This meeting voted to continue the "Prize Paper" contest. The Board voted to recommend to the State Legislature that a chair of Household Economics be established at the University of Michigan.

At the Cincinnati Biennial, delegates from every section of the country voted to sustain Mrs. Philip Moore, President of the General Federation in the establishment of an endowment fund. At this mid-year Board meeting, the General Federation Secretary of Michigan, Mrs. Mills, called attention of Michigan club women to the need of work on the Endowment Fund. "The Michigan Plan" was to ask each club woman to give 25 cents to the fund and not ask clubs to take from their own funds.

Some preliminaries for the 18th annual meeting to be held in Saginaw Oct. 15 to 18 inclusive, 1912, were arranged.

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Headquarters for the convention were located in the Auditorium. The conferences for Tuesday afternoon were Parliamentary Law, Chairman, Mrs. Emma A. Fox; Conservation, Mrs. Lena L. Mautner, Chairman; Art, Mrs. Marguerite Phillips, Chairman; Household Economics, Mrs. Minnie D. McIntosh, Chairman; Civics, Mrs. Anna Walters, Chairman.

Tuesday evening, addresses of welcome were given by the Mayor of Saginaw, the President of the Board of Trade, and the President of the Auditorium Trustees; also by Mrs. J. M. Bittman, President of the Saginaw City Federation of Women's Clubs; response by Mrs. Lucy White Williams, President of the Michigan State Federation.

Wednesday forenoon a memorial to Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker was given by Mrs. Frances Wheeler Smith, and the president's address by Mrs. White. "China's Crisis" by Miss Sui Wang, student at Albion College closed the day's program.

Thursday came the election of officers and more department reports. The afternoon session was made memorable by an address by Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, the newly elected president of the General Federation.

The reports submitted of work accomplished by the several departments were admirable and inspiring and sent all delegates to their homes eager for new undertakings. With this convention ended the administration of Mrs. Lucy White Williams, eleventh president of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs.



Mrs. Elnora Chamberlin

TWELFTH ADMINISTRATION: 1912-1914

MRS. ELNORA CHAMBERLIN

PRESIDENT

By ELVIN D. RECTOR

President Hartford Woman's Clubs

MRS. ELNORA CHAMBERLIN of Hartford, Michigan, was the 12th president of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs and came into the office well-trained and experienced in club affairs. In 1895 she and other progressive women of Hartford saw the need of a woman's organization for self culture and community improvement, so they organized the Hartford Woman's Club, electing Mrs. Chamberlin as vice-president. The next year she became president of the club and that was also the year the club became State federated.

Due to Mrs. Chamberlin's charming personality and her talent for leadership, in 1908 she was elected Corresponding Secretary of the State Federation, two years later she became vice-president, and in 1912 was elected president. Her administration was marked by a steady growth—17 new clubs were added bringing the total to 252. There was a record attendance at her two annual conventions one at Muskegon, the other at Adrian. Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, president of General Federation of Women's Clubs, was the honor guest at the Muskegon meeting. The Departments of Work were carrying forward worthwhile programs. The Department of Club Extension was created, and the Department of Literature was reorganized to include Library Extension. The Legislative Department was very active—minimum wage, a Text-book Bill and Mother's Pension Bill became laws.

During this administration there arose for the first time the question of districting the State. Several plans were suggested: the first was to use the Congressional Districts; the plan adopted by the fraternal groups was another suggestion, and the plan used by the State Library Association still another. Finally the president, Mrs. Chamberlin, advised the adoption of the County Federation plan until something better was devised.

The General Federation was at this time recommending the

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establishing of Social Centers with school buildings as places of meetings. The Michigan State Federation and many other states adopted the plan—this was the beginning of the use of school buildings by the community. A memorial fund established by the General Federation honoring Sarah Platt Decker, the fifth president of the General Federation, was completed in this administration. Michigan contributed over four thousand dollars to this fund.

Michigan was honored at this time by the election of Mrs. Lucy White Williams as treasurer of the General Federation.

The Alice Freeman Palmer Scholarship Fund, adopted as a project seven years before, was completed in this administration.

The income in the club year, 1913-14, was \$3,074.91; disbursements, \$2,107.38; leaving a balance of \$967.53. Clubs were thrifty in those days.

On September 30, 1914, Mrs. Chamberlin attended a memorial sunrise service in Bronson Park, Kalamazoo, honoring the centenary of the birth of Lucinda Hinsdale Stone. A tablet was erected, which read:

“TO LUCINDA HINSDALE STONE

Educator—Philanthropist

Friend of Women

This tablet is placed in grateful
memory on the one hundredth anniversary
of her birth.

The tablet was unveiled by her grandson. The service was planned by the D.A.R. Kalamazoo Chapter.

During Mrs. Chamberlin's regime the State Federation was represented at the National Peace Conference in St. Louis, at the Fourth International Congress of School Systems in Buffalo; the General Federation Council meeting in Washington, D.C.; National Conservation Congress, also in Washington; the State Suffrage Association; the State Conference of Corrections and Charities in Lansing.

Nation-wide projects in which the State Federation was interested included Open Air Schools, the Children's Bureau, Vocational Training and Tuberculosis Sanitariums. These contacts indicate the wide range of subjects studied during the presidency of Mrs. Chamberlin.

The officers of this administration, 1912-13, were President, Mrs. Elnora Chamberlin, Hartford; First Vice-president, Mrs. Nina Delong Sands, Pentwater; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Kate R. Carlisle, Saginaw; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Burritt Hamilton, Battle

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Creek; Corresponding Secretary, Clara Waters Baldwin, Muskegon; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary C. Miller, Kalamazoo; Directors, Mrs. R. H. Ashbaugh, Detroit; Miss Clara Bates, Traverse City; Mrs. James A. Muir, Port Huron; Mrs. William F. McKnight, Grand Rapids; Chairman Bureau of Information, Mrs. J. H. Pierce, Bay City; General Federation State Secretary, Mrs. Lucy White Williams, Lapeer.

Officers elected at Muskegon for 1913-14 were President, Mrs. Elnora Chamberlin, Hartford; First Vice-president, Mrs. R. H. Ashbaugh, Detroit; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Clara Waters Baldwin, Muskegon; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Burritt Hamilton, Battle Creek; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Homer C. Blair, Albion; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary C. Miller, Kalamazoo; Directors, Mrs. James A. Muir, Port Huron; Miss Kate Carlisle, Saginaw; Mrs. Delos F. Diggins, Cadillac; Mrs. Edward A. Gilkey, Lansing; General Federation State Secretary, Mrs. Lucy White Williams, Lapeer; Field Member General Federation Endowment Fund, Mrs. Florence G. Mills, Kalamazoo; State Parliamentarian, Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Detroit.

Michigan Club Bulletin: Mrs. Florence I. Bulson, Editor and Business Manager, Jackson.

Hereafter by vote of the convention the Board of Managers was to be known as the Board of Directors.



Mrs. Delphine Dodge Ashbaugh

THIRTEENTH ADMINISTRATION: 1914-1916

MRS. DELPHINE DODGE ASHBAUGH
PRESIDENT

THE FEDERATION "COMES OF AGE"

By IRMA T. JONES, *Lansing*

As condensed by Mrs. Alice M. Hibbard, Member of Ladies' History Class,
St. Clair, Mich.

THE OFFICERS elected at Adrian were earnest women, they were:—President, Mrs. R. H. Ashbaugh, Detroit; Vice-president at large, Mrs. Albert E. Bulson, Jackson; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Burritt Hamilton, Battle Creek; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Clara Waters Baldwin, Muskegon; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Homer C. Blair, Albion; Treasurer, Mrs. E. A. Gilkey, Lansing; Directors, Mrs. Frank P. Dodge, Adrian; Mrs. Lewis Mautner, Saginaw; Mrs. L. J. Timby, Alma; Mrs. Charles H. Law, Menominee; General Federation Secretary, Mrs. Elnora Chamberlin, Hartford; State Parliamentarian, Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Detroit; Mrs. Florence I. Bulson, Editor and Business Manager, Jackson.

In her first message of greeting, the newly-elected president, Mrs. R. H. Ashbaugh, said:

"Many new opportunities for work are opening up before us; let us pledge ourselves anew to do this work to which we are called with zeal, enthusiasm and unfailing devotion. Let us each be faithful in our endeavor, untiring in our efforts to make our beloved Michigan the foremost state in club activities in the Union. Let us give as we can, let us study, preach, practice peace." "Our coming of age celebration will occur next October; let each individual and club, send to our federation, an offering, that her future may be successful and assured."

Mrs. Ashbaugh recalled a recommendation from the two immediate preceding presidents that the Michigan State Federation establish its own endowment fund.

By invitation of the Marshall Monday Club, the mid-year board meeting of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs was held at Marshall, April 27, 28, 1915. Reports from chairmen of different departments were read; requests and suggestions made by Mrs.

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Ashbaugh, president of the Federation, emphasizing various phases of work for the coming year.

Mention should be made of a remarkably successful program conference held early in the year at Jackson, this being a meeting of the Departments of Education, Literature, Library Extension, members of the peace and press committees, with a number of board members in attendance.

After that, interest centered in preparations for the annual meeting to be held in Lansing, October 19-22,—the twenty-first annual meeting of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs. This convention was to be a "Coming of Age" celebration.

Past president Lucy White Williams, treasurer of the General Federation, was chairman of the program committee, Mrs. Ashbaugh co-operating.

The 21st birthday of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs had some distinctly different features from all its former anniversaries. One of them was the celebration of the most important event in its history,—its "coming of age".

Chief among the topics discussed were civic improvement, home economics, public health, social hygiene, library extension, art, music, the peace movement, housing reform, equal suffrage, better babies, better schools, school legislation, Michigan history, and the preservation of historic places and relics.

Tuesday afternoon was devoted to Department conferences,—Parliamentary Usage, Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Chairman; Conservation, Mrs. Lawrence W. Snell, Chairman; Art, Mrs. Cyrus F. Perkins, chairman; Civics, Mrs. Anna Walters, chairman.

The convention was formally opened Tuesday evening at the Capitol, Mrs. Ashbaugh, president of the Federation and Mrs. A. C. Stebbins, chairman of local arrangements committee presiding. Addresses of welcome were given by the mayor and president of the Chamber of Commerce of Lansing: for Lansing Club Women, Mrs. F. E. Mills, President Woman's Club House Association. Lieutenant Governor Dickinson also added words of welcome, Mrs. Ashbaugh responding in impressive words. The address of Mrs. Pennybacker, President of the General Federation, which followed was enthusiastically received. Her plea was for betterment of rural schools, the duty to the immigrant, putting him in touch with the best in national life, instead of the worst, and to interest younger women in club

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work. Mrs. Pennybacker would emblazon on the standard of every club woman the three words, investigate, eliminate, concentrate.

Chairmen of committees reported on the following subjects: credentials, local arrangements, program, Michigan Club Bulletin, printing, press, history, club extension, Lucinda Hinsdale Stone scholarship fund, Alice Freeman Palmer fund, Michigan Agriculture College Student Aid fund, industrial and social conditions, General Federation State Secretary, General Federation Endowment fund.

In her annual "Message" President Ashbaugh said:

"From the very beginning of the year's work constant co-operation has been given. Workers sprang forth to the call as by magic, and in an unusually short time the machinery of the Federation was again in operation, working harmoniously and in order; during the entire year the most loyal support has been given by officers and chairmen.

"I have received 71 invitations to visit clubs and organizations, 41 of which I have been able to accept; have written about 700 letters; sent many telegrams and made long distance telephone calls; have attended several committee conferences; have had presented to me for Federation work 7,500 sheets of circular letters and bulletins for the chairmen, with 6,000 envelopes, most of which have been addressed at my office. In addition two bulletins, 500 copies each, were printed for us.

"It is my happiness to extend to you, women of the Federation, my sincere congratulations upon the attainment of your majority and again upon the fact that everyone of our past presidents is still living."

She spoke especially of the wise council of Mrs. Emma A. Fox, and the able service of Mrs. Florence I. Bulson, both of whom had attended every meeting.

Thirty-four clubs were admitted to the federation during the year preceding the 21st annual meeting at Lansing.

Number of clubs in Michigan State Federation, October 1915.....	286
Number represented at Twenty-first Annual Meeting, October 1915..	264
Total approximate membership.....	23,166
Number of clubs owning club houses.....	19
Number of clubs owning libraries.....	44

Reports given by department chairmen are to be found in the Federation Year Book for 1915-1916. They are the record of state-wide endeavors made possible by experience and an enlarged membership.

The largest birthday party ever held in Michigan was that in Lansing on October 20, and was the celebration of the 21st anniversary of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs at its con-

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vention. The celebration and the main sessions of the convention were held in Representative Hall at the Capitol Building. Seated on the platform were all but three of the past presidents who had served during the 21 years. Short addresses were given, mostly concerning the first meeting held in Lansing, March 20, 1895. Mrs. Lorraine Immen of Grand Rapids, the first Corresponding Secretary of the Federation, gave a resume of the beginnings of the Federation and paid a tribute to the pioneer women who paved the way and placed the foundation of the organization of today. In closing, Mrs. Immen presented a check of \$100, for the Endowment fund of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Anna A. Palmer of Saginaw, the fourth President of the Federation described the steps taken in forming the Federation. Mrs. Martha A. Keating of Muskegon, the fifth past president, told of the first victories of the legislative committee.

Mrs. Emma A. Fox, the third past president, then spoke on the subject, "Has the Vision Been Fulfilled?"

Next came the event of the afternoon—the bringing forward of a large birthday cake with 21 lighted candles. After the extinguishing of the candles, a box at the top of the cake was opened, from which were taken souvenirs for the past presidents—gold pins with initials and date of service of each past president, the gift of the present president, Mrs. Ashbaugh.

The prettiest feature of the afternoon was the presentation of the birthday cake. A lovely blond child, representing the "Rosy Future" came up the aisle followed by 21 white clad pink-ribboned little girls, the years of the Federation, and four to act as cake bearers.

After this came the presentation of gifts to the Federation. Mrs. Bulson spoke of the need of an endowment, then introduced Mrs. Pennybacker who spoke on "Why we Need an Endowment." This was followed by birthday gifts and pledges towards the Endowment Fund of more than \$2,500 from different clubs and individuals of the Federation.

Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, of Austin, Texas, our General Federation President, who was a visitor during the entire week, gave us a new enthusiasm for the work we are trying to do and resolved to do just a little better during the coming years.

Other General Federation officers and chairmen present were Miss Helen Louise Johnson, chairman of Home Economics in the General Federation, who spoke on "The Meaning of Home Eco-

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nomics;" Miss Lutie Stearns of Milwaukee, a director talked on "The Problem of Public and Personal Leisure;" and Miss Helen Varick Boswell, chairman of Political Science and of Education, gave an address on "Home Applied Political Science;" Miss Anne Rhodes of New York, also appeared before the convention in behalf of the national Americanization Committee.

Two important questions pertaining to the internal work of the federation were considered, (1) the plan of districting with new by-laws to correspond, and (2) the establishment of an endowment fund. By a unanimous vote, the by-laws, which included the provision for the endowment fund, were adopted and the sum of the endowment to be sought set at \$25,000.

The new district plan changed the old method of carrying on the work. During the first year of Mrs. Chamberlin's administration, a committee with Mrs. James A. Muir as chairman studied plans for districting. This was finally presented to the convention at Adrian with a request that future delegates ask to be instructed by their clubs whether to vote in favor of districting or not at the next annual convention in Lansing. During the two years of that administration the question of "districting" was discussed pro and con at every board meeting that was held, thus creating a sentiment in behalf of districting, and an understanding of its possibilities. Districting was a problem with many difficulties and only careful and prolonged thoughts could evolve a workable plan.

The district vice-presidents will have supervision of their districts and the work of all departments will be carried on in the same way, acting under a chairman who will supervise the work of the state. The term of office for officers is limited, and by a fully discussed decision of the Board, the term of office for chairmen was placed at two or three years; this action being taken by advice of the General Federation members present.

The interest from the endowment fund will be used to promote the work of the departments and committees.

The treasurer's report showed the financial affairs to be up to the usual standard. Mrs. Cyrus E. Perkins of Grand Rapids reported the Scrap Book, and "History of the Federation" now completed.

The Convention of 1915 will go down in history as one of the most successful ever held, and in point of attendance, the largest in the 21 years of the Federation's history.

- The increasing acquaintance of Michigan clubs with the work

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of the General Federation, has been broadening and inspirational.

The club movement, and State Federation have been steadily creating an educated public sentiment against the evils which afflict humanity.

The story of the Michigan Federation is a record of remarkable and trained leadership, a witness to the wisdom of its founders in planning to retain from administration to administration some officers familiar with its work and policy. Thus has come growth and achievement.

Our future thrills us with its wonderful possibilities—possibilities of fellowship where separation was; of love where hatred was; of unity where division was; of light, physical, mental and spiritual where darkness was; of agreement and equality where differences and traditions had built walls of distinction and lines of caste.

Imagine for a moment what our Michigan would be could we drop out of existence all that its women's clubs have done for the past forty years in the influence of their educational endeavors. Here would be shown some measure of the debt of this commonwealth to women's clubs and the state federation. Unsolved problems are many, opportunities are more: concentration, consecration, and common sense will solve them all.



Mrs. Florence I. Bulson

FOURTEENTH ADMINISTRATION: 1916-1919

MRS. FLORENCE I. BULSON

PRESIDENT

THE WAR YEARS

By EDITH V. ALVORD

MRS. ASHBAUGH was succeeded by Mrs. Albert E. Bulson of Jackson who served as State President for the next two years. The District organization was completed and the District Vice-presidents devoted themselves, not to meetings, but to appointing members from the Districts to serve in the Departments of Work as a first step towards closer contact with the State organization. The Departments were Art, Civics, Conservation, Civil Service Reform, Corrections and Charities, Education, Home Economics, Industrial and Social Conditions, Legislation, Literature and Library Extension, Michigan History, Music, Public Health. In Mrs. Bulson's first message she urged clubs to concentrate on the Americanization of the immigrant, censorship of Motion Pictures, the use of public school buildings as community centers, supervised recreation for children and young people, modern garb for women.

Among the resolutions passed during this administration was one asking for the establishment of a Women's Division in the Federal Department of Labor; a pledge to cooperate with the public schools in assisting foreign-born women to adjust to the new home-land; another resolution urged that Kindergartens and Home Economics be included in the curriculum of the public schools; compensation laws for injured workers; equal guardianship law for Michigan; also complaints were made concerning questionable character of exhibits and entertainment at State Fairs. Of these resolutions it is interesting to note that there is now a Woman's Bureau, foreign-born women are accepted and helped; kindergarten and Home Economic courses are included in our public schools; there are compensation laws; and an equal guardianship law. It took twenty and some times more years longer, but it indicated that clubs were alert to the needs of the times. Then came the first World War and clubs turned wholeheartedly to war work.

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The amount of war work done by the club women of Michigan was but little short of marvelous. They performed their full share in all the patriotic drives and were conspicuous for their leadership in those drives. They helped organize The Woman's Committee, Council of National Defense, for Michigan,—the first to be organized in any State,—and furnished its national chairman, Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane, a former head of the department of Home Economics in the Federation. A past-president, Delphine Dodge Ashbaugh, served as Director of Red Cross for Michigan, and as State chairman of the Women's Liberty Loan Committee. Mrs. Bulson being the Federation's war president, served as a member of the Dollar-a-Month Club, appointed by Governor Sleeper, for the Relief of Belgian children, until the action of Congress in making loans to the Belgian Government made unnecessary the continuation of this committee; served as vice-chairman of the Women's Committee, Council of National Defense for Michigan and also as a member of the Woman's War Preparedness Committee of that body, with six others, appointed by the Governor, in an advisory capacity upon the War Library Council for Michigan, also upon the Michigan Women's Liberty Loan Committee and upon the State Reconstruction Committee appointed by the Governor.

Hon. Gifford Pinchot wanted the help of the Federation in conservation problems; this was freely and promptly given and words of genuine gratitude were forth-coming from Mr. Pinchot. When the questions of moral sanitation for our army camps and national prohibition were being considered, requests came pouring in from various State Federations and other agencies urging night letters and telegrams to President Wilson and Congressmen urging the passage of these measures.

From questionnaires sent out to the clubs it was learned that clubs were almost 100 per cent Red Cross members and workers, and large sums were raised for that purpose; that large numbers of club women worked upon surgical dressings and hospital garments and knitted thousands of articles, besides contributing money for Home and Allied Relief as well as for War Libraries, War Camp Recreational work, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, Knights of Columbus, Jewish Relief and other organizations doing war relief work.

Club women were organizers of the Red Cross and officers of the same, working both as individuals and as clubs, devoting their time

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almost exclusively to this service. Club houses were turned over for this service, entertainments given and money raised to send good cheer to the boys in camp. Jelly showers were frequent, pillows and pillow cases, towels, property bags and housewives, books, and magazines, musical instruments and thousands of victrola records were gathered and sent to Camp Custer and other camps.

One of the most satisfactory ways in which the Federation assisted the National and State Governments has been along public health lines, combating tuberculosis and venereal disease. For over twelve years a campaign of education against these diseases was carried on by this organization, and prominent physicians have assisted us in every way possible.

The Federation helped with the "Children's Year" program which was inaugurated by President Wilson upon April 6, 1918, the first anniversary of our entrance into the war, and through our child welfare department many communities were visited and inspiration given,—the work among the children in Detroit has been noteworthy indeed.

Notable work has been done in the department of Home Economics through Miss Georgia L. White, director of Home Economics, Michigan Agricultural College, and Miss Lenna F. Cooper who held the same position in Battle Creek Sanitarium, respectively, and who headed the department for the Federation during the war period when much valuable information and expert help were furnished women over the State. A "Milk Survey" was conducted by Miss Cooper in Battle Creek and the findings given out to the clubs as a basis to work upon in carrying out these surveys in the various communities of Michigan.

The Federation, through its department of Civics, with Mrs. A. H. Finn of Detroit, chairman, conducted a state-wide survey of the motion picture theaters during the past winter, and made a vigorous but unsuccessful attempt to have legislation enacted to control this great industry.

The women composing the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs have been alive to the pressing needs of the hour. That you may understand what a power such an organization of consecrated womanhood can wield and the faith our Government reposes in it, a little incident of the war service convention held in Traverse City will be illuminating. Mrs. Bulson writes:

"Miss H,—a club president from St. Joseph County, came to me and

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asked if there were not something our great Federation could do to help secure fuel for the more than fifty families in that prairie region who were entirely without a stick of wood or kindling or fuel of any kind to protect the aged, the ill and the small children who were actually suffering from cold. Miss H— was asked to take the platform and present the case to the members in the hope that a solution of the problem might be offered by some of the club presidents.

"No suggestion was forthcoming. At the close of the convention Miss H— came to me and again asked: 'Is there not *something* this great Federation can do to relieve the situation down in St. Joseph County? Our granaries are bursting, so great has been the harvest, and unless help is forthcoming from the fuel administrator our men say they will burn this grain for fuel, notwithstanding the appeals that are coming from Mr. Hoover.' The situation was an uncomfortable one for the State president, and my reply was: 'I do not know what we can do unless I take up the matter with Mr. Hoover,' not knowing what else to say and knowing a reply of some sort must be made to the question.

"Having been delayed in reaching home I found a letter from Miss H— asking if I had taken up the matter of fuel for St. Joseph County with Mr. Hoover. Having been thus thrust into a corner and not knowing what else to do I said to my husband: 'I guess I will long-distance Mr. Prudden,' but the reply came that the gentleman had 'just left for Washington.' Being put to my wits' end, realizing my own helplessness but at the same time my great desire to serve my constituency, I again turned to my husband and said: 'Shall I call up Mr. Hoover?' and his reply was: 'Send him a night letter.' I did so, setting forth the situation as best I could in fifty words, feeling that my duty had been done at least.

"This was Sunday evening and on Monday morning a reply came from Mr. Hoover saying the fuel would start for St. Joseph County, Michigan, Monday morning. The message was repeated to the club in that county and the fuel arrived a little later.

"In this way we have been emboldened to undertake anything and everything that will work for good to our loved Commonwealth."

So, an effort is being made to stress the work of the departments that have to do with the questions of the day and all are cooperating in a great national campaign that is being carried on in an effort to reduce child mortality and to lessen the tendency toward defective childhood of school age; to help solve the problem of the sub-normal child and the juvenile delinquent; to help stamp out tuberculosis and venereal disease; to help conserve the great natural resources of our country; to cooperate along definite, practical lines in the Americanization of our immigrants who are clamoring for instruction in the fundamentals of citizenship; to bring up the child of the

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future in the way he should go and strengthen his ability to endure the strain of the new era of competition that will come with the readjustment that has been made necessary to meet new conditions. In fact every realm of social endeavor is needing and is calling for the sane, wise leadership that characterizes the membership of the Federated Clubs, and the seeking will not be in vain.

For 1916-17, the Board of Directors were President, Mrs. Albert E. Bulson; Vice-president-at-large, Mrs. Burritt Hamilton, Battle Creek; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Homer C. Blair, Albion; Recording Secretary, Mrs. William R. Alvord, Detroit; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frank P. Dodge, Adrian; Treasurer, Mrs. George E. Thompson. District Vice-presidents were, Southeastern, Mrs. Mary Shull, Tecumseh; Southwestern, Mrs. Homer C. Blair, Albion; Central, Mrs. Ellen Morrison, Grand Rapids; Northern, Mrs. B. H. Bracken, Traverse City; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. Charles H. Law, Menominee. General Federation Secretary, Mrs. William B. Williams, Lapeer; State Parliamentarian, Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Detroit; Director General Federation, Mrs. Delphine Dodge Ashbaugh, Detroit.

Serving with Mrs. Bulson as Board of Directors 1917-18 were Vice-president-at-large, Mrs. Burritt Hamilton, Battle Creek; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Homer C. Blair, Albion; Recording Secretary, Mrs. William R. Alvord, Detroit; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. L. Thompson, Muskegon; Treasurer, Mrs. Frederick R. Bolles, Houghton. District Vice-presidents were: Southeastern, Mrs. A. J. Reed, Flint; Southwestern, Mrs. Homer C. Blair; Central, Mrs. George E. Thompson, Owosso; Northern, Mrs. B. H. Bracken, Traverse City; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. C. E. Andrews, Escanaba.

General Federation State Secretary, Miss Florence Frensdorf, Hudson; State Parliamentarian, Mrs. Emma A. Fox; Director General Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Delphine Dodge Ashbaugh.



Mrs. Burritt Hamilton

FIFTEENTH ADMINISTRATION: 1919-1920

MRS. BURRITT HAMILTON
PRESIDENT

By MRS. JEANNE KING

*State Chairman of Federation History and Scrap Book
1949-1951*

MRS. BURRITT HAMILTON, Battle Creek, succeeded Mrs. Bulson and her task was the reconstruction following World War I, attempting to rebuild and combat the question often asked, "Would it not be better for the clubs to abandon all regular programs for the coming year and devote all their time to Red Cross or relief work?" Her first Year Book for 1918-1919 was cut to 54 pages as compared to the 235 pages the year before. There were no divisions in the Departments as yet and no District meetings. The General Federation had established a War Victory Commission whereby each state might send two workers overseas. In Michigan the two were selected by a committee appointed by the State President. Two workers were sent to France, the first Doris Mauck of Hillsdale and the second was Barbara Bailey of Muskegon. To this project, Michigan club women contributed \$7,307.33. The War seemed to stimulate the clubs to harder work and greater effort and more interest in clubwork and at the close of Mrs. Hamilton's administration there were 355 clubs and the Endowment Fund had grown to over \$3,200.00 with additional pledges to the amount of \$1,027.00 as well.

Among the resolutions at this 1920 Convention, was one, for the first time, advocating a covenant of Nations to preserve peace. Other resolutions urged relative rank for Army Nurses, higher salaries for Post Office employees and retirement systems for employees in industry. This Convention held in Saginaw marked the Silver Anniversary of the State Federation. Mrs. Anna A. Palmer, the fourth State President, spoke of the early days of the organization, reminding members that all known women's clubs in Michigan were invited to the organization meeting held in Lansing and that 62 clubs sent delegates. Mrs. Ella M. Henrotin, then President of the General Federation, attended the meeting. Mrs. Lucinda Hinsdale

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Stone was made Honorary President. Mrs. Palmer stated at the 25th Anniversary, "As I look over the program, I am struck with the uniform note of progress, uplift, patriotism, and service that runs through them all—less prominence has of late been given to the discussion of literary subjects and more is being given to service."

The Suffrage Amendment had passed but the requisite number of states had not ratified so the convention urged special sessions of the legislature in those states which had not voted to ratify. Other resolutions advocated direct citizenship for women so that an American woman upon marriage to an alien might retain her citizenship, and an alien woman would have the right to be naturalized on her own petition. These bills were eventually made into laws. Another resolution recommended a ceremony be observed when aliens were admitted to citizenship, and there was even at that time, a resolution favoring the development of water way routes to the sea from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Members serving with Mrs. Hamilton on the Board of Directors for the year 1919 were Mrs. William R. Alvord, Detroit, Vice-president-at-large; Mrs. A. J. Reed, Flint, Second Vice-president; Mrs. Dorian M. Russell, Grand Rapids, Recording Secretary; Mrs. C. L. Thompson, Muskegon, Corresponding Secretary; Treasurer, Mrs. Frederick R. Bolles, Houghton. District Vice-presidents: Southeastern, Mrs. A. J. Reed, Flint; Southwestern, Mrs. Albert Carveth, Hastings; Central, Mrs. George E. Thompson, Owosso; Northern, Mrs. C. E. Vowels, Mount Pleasant; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. C. E. Andrews, Escanaba.

For the second term 1919-1920, the official family was President, Mrs. Burritt Hamilton, Battle Creek; Mrs. William R. Alvord, Detroit, Vice-president-at-large; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Charles E. Vowels, Mount Pleasant; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Dorian M. Russell, Grand Rapids; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. R. Eaton, Kalamazoo; Treasurer, Mrs. G. F. Gensch, Iron Mountain. District Presidents: Southeastern, Mrs. K. P. Rockwell, Pontiac; Southwestern, Mrs. Albert Carveth, Hastings; Central, Mrs. George G. Hunter, Saint Johns; Northern, Mrs. C. E. Vowels, Mount Pleasant; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. J. F. Chynoweth, Laurium.

Mrs. Emma A. Fox served as official Parliamentarian during Mrs. Hamilton's administration.

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At the state convention in Grand Rapids 1944, a memorial service was held in St. Mark's Cathedral for Rena L. Hamilton who died in Battle Creek. A tribute was given by Mrs. George G. Hunter, a former state president.

"This is the hour when we would call to mind our friend and leader of other days, the inspiration to higher living and better things gained from our association with her. It is to record, in some measure, our sense of loss sustained in the answer of a state past president to the call to higher service.

"Mrs. Burritt Hamilton was the fifteenth president of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, serving during the trying period immediately following World War I. Restoration of Club and Federation activities offered an opportunity for service for which talent and training had found her well prepared. Her constant, consistent devotion to this mission gave incentive to clubwomen everywhere.

"Her presidency of our State Federation was a fitting reward for many years of devoted, constructive service, dating from charter membership in her home town. The close of her tenure of office marked a milestone in a life given to working out her ideals for a new and better community life.

"In appreciation of Mrs. Hamilton's accomplishments and by way of lasting tribute, her officers at the close of her presidency organized the Hamilton Club, to which she was elected President, to hold during her lifetime. The annual reunions which followed were colorful occasions at our state conventions. The twentieth and last reunion was held in 1941.

"Believing that the sure means of strengthening the social fabric lay in the improvement of the fiber from which woven, Mrs. Hamilton took an active part in movements looking to the betterment of community and state. A lover of nature and art, she identified herself with those interests throughout her life among us.

"Mrs. Hamilton lived a full life in which home and church took first place. With the talent for companionable and useful friendship, she found in life something more than mere living upon the earth.

"Any tribute to the memory of our good friend must be built upon deep, abiding affection, if it would express in adequate measure the thoughts and feelings of those who had known her through those active years. She embodied a singular charm of simplicity and dignity, a woman of unquestioned loyalty and capacity, the ideal gentlewoman.

" 'To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.' We are assured that our beloved past president will live on in the hearts and memories of those of us who knew and loved her. She walked with those 'of strong minds, great hearts, true faith, who love honor, who possess opinions, and a will in public duty and in their private thinking'."

Mrs. Hamilton passed away on September 4, 1943. Her work lives on, in the hearts of clubwomen and friends everywhere.



Mrs. William R. Alvord

SIXTEENTH ADMINISTRATION: 1920-1922

MRS. WILLIAM R. ALVORD

PRESIDENT

By EDITH V. ALVORD

WHAT IMPRESSED me most when I became president of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs was the great variety of activities which confronted me.

It was flattering to be thought an authority on all subjects, for I was expected to manage a small-sized employment bureau based on the question "What can middle-aged women do to earn a living?"; I became a lecture bureau, for surely I could suggest speakers for all occasions; certainly my opinion on disciplining children would be authoritative. Besides all these, I was expected to further all good causes, to join all organizations for the alleviation of suffering humanity.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

So I found myself speaking before the Women's Division of the Farm Bureau at Michigan State College (then the Michigan Agricultural College); the National Kindergarten Association; the Michigan Women's Committee on Disarmament; as well as serving on many committees of local, state and national scope. For example, I became a member of the European Relief Council of which Mr. Herbert Hoover was chairman; I was State Chairman of Bundle Day for Near East Relief, which collected and sent twelve carloads of clothing to suffering Armenians; as a member of the Michigan Committee for the Chinese Famine Fund I presided at a mass meeting in Detroit where the Hon. Alfred Sze, Chinese Minister to the United States spoke for his stricken people.

So far these were extra-curricular activities, and I was elected to carry forward club work in the interests of women. There were chairmen and members of committees to be appointed, advice to be given on Department plans and programs. Clubs were gradually passing out of the era of "papers by the members" and programs were featuring men and women who, for a price, spoke with author-

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ity, giving both information and inspiration. Clubs were expecting guidance from their president in choosing those speakers.

VISITS TO CLUBS

There were clubs to be visited, but in those days the automobile was not the usual mode of travel. This meant a day after day compulsion to catch a train to somewhere. In the two years of my administration I covered most of Michigan, and Michigan is a big state. On one occasion, I remember I found myself at the wrong station, the right one being across the city, and the time—ten minutes before train time. I ran for a cab, but there was nothing in sight except a horse-drawn baggage wagon. I hailed it, explained my predicament, was told to climb up, and away we went at a gallop, arriving just as the train started to move.

In my first year I toured the Upper Peninsula, my first visit. I started at Ironwood, Michigan, which I reached from Detroit by way of Chicago and Wisconsin, and I ended up at Hancock, Michigan. I loved the drives through virgin forests, the districts where the iron and copper mines were, and for two weeks I enjoyed the famous northern hospitality. It is interesting to note that Mabel Prout planned the trip and every detail clicked. Or was there one exception? She never knew that those wonderful clubs entertained me at luncheon each day, and each day there were served creamed chicken patties and head lettuce with thousand island dressing! They are still among my favorite dishes!

DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION

The Departments of work were reorganized to conform to the General Federation Departments, adding the Department of American Citizenship with the Divisions of Citizenship Training, Americanization and Community Training, as well as a Department of International Relations. Our several Departments were grouped together; for example, the Fine Arts Department included the Divisions of Art, Music and Literature. Since that reorganization, Department programs have been carried out through Divisions.

The Departments were then listed as American Citizenship, Applied Education, Fine Arts, International Relations, Legislation, Press and Publicity, and Public Welfare. While all of the Departments were gratifyingly active, perhaps the most successful was the Public Welfare Department through its Division of Public Health. The Federation was working hard to secure a Public Health nurse in every county. A resolution on diphtheria prevention was adopted

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indicating that the disease was still a menace. For the first time a resolution urged a campaign of education for cancer control. Also for the first time a resolution was passed approving birth control. The Sheppard-Towner Act (maternal and infant aid) for which the Federation worked so hard became a law late in 1921, and Michigan was proud that Dr. Blanche Haines, our chairman of Public Health, was called to Washington to administer the act.

The Department of Applied Education did heroic service in efforts to consolidate the rural schools, to promote the "back-to-school" movement, and the amending of the James law for continuation schools.

The Home Economics Division of this Department had as its main project the hot lunches and milk for school children, as well as more study of nutrition. As a result of work done by the Federation, a State Supervisor for Home Economics in the Public Schools was appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. This position is still in existence.

With the creation of the Division of Americanization in the Department of Citizenship, an active interest in foreign women and their problems developed, and every effort was made to understand their problems. The Federation aided in securing the passage of the Cable Act which gave citizenship to women independent of their husbands' status.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The Federation became a member of the Women's State Legislative Council in 1920. This Council was made up of nine state wide women's organizations, including the teachers, nurses, patriotic women (Daughters of the American Revolution), the farm women, church women and so on. Nine measures were on their programs, seven were introduced, three were passed. Those three were amendments to the Mother's Pension Act, making it mandatory after investigation; a bill to prevent Common Law marriages under sixteen; and an equal guardianship bill. The Council also endorsed the programs of the State Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Health. This very worthwhile Council eventually had to be discontinued because of the lack of finances.

DISTRICTS

By the beginning of my second year, the five federated Districts had been re-aligned and divided into seven Districts. During this period, all the Districts had adopted by-laws and were holding annual

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meetings. Meetings by Congressional Districts were discontinued. Also, District Vice-presidents had become District Presidents, were nominated in their own Districts though still elected at the State Federation annual meeting. The distance to be traveled to District meetings is still too great, especially in the Upper Peninsula, the Northwest and Northeast Districts, but no remedy has been found.

GRAND RAPIDS CONVENTION

My first convention was held in Grand Rapids. It was a wonderful convention for two reasons—first because Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, President of the General Federation, and four General Federation Chairmen were our guest speakers. Think of it! Mrs. Winter; Mrs. Pennybacker, Chairman of American Citizenship; Mrs. Marx N. Oberndorfer, Chairman of Music; and Mrs. Francis E. Whitley, Chairman of Conservation. I was young enough then to be thrilled through and through. The second reason was the play-pageant "The President's Dream" written by Miss Letta Thomas of Grand Rapids. It was a plan to add to our incomplete endowment fund. As the President of the play-pageant awakened from the vision which had demonstrated the value of Federation service if properly financed, the presidents of the clubs of Michigan passed into the aisles of the church, moving forward to the platform where they presented their gifts to the Endowment Fund. The gifts amounted to over seven thousand dollars, not enough to complete the \$25,000.00 hoped for, but at the close of the administration, the Fund had grown to \$17,574.06. Those were two great thrills!

To help Federation finances further, advertising was secured for our year book. There were some murmurs of disapproval, but \$1,400.00 were earned for the Federation.

GENERAL FEDERATION RELATIONS

I attended the Des Moines Biennial Convention of the General Federation, and the next year as president traveled to Salt Lake City to the Council meeting, where I spoke for a group of mid-west states. I was so impressed by this great organization that I was determined to make Michigan conscious of the General Federation, using the slogan "The General Federation is you made national." As a result, fifty-seven delegates went from Michigan to the Biennial at Chautauqua, New York, where we were soon known as the 57 varieties. So inspired was I that with hope in my heart I pledged a thousand dollars in the name of Michigan for the newly purchased General Federation Headquarters in Washington. Michigan more than met the

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pledge, and 1734 N Street became a center for national club work.

It is no wonder then, that at my second convention in Flint, Michigan, the State Federation voted to adopt the plan of universal membership in the General Federation. This meant that with a few exceptions, all Michigan clubs became members of the General Federation on a per capita paying basis.

JUNIOR CLUBS

The idea of Junior Clubs was born about this time. When as State President I spoke for two minutes at the Chautauqua Biennial, I urged the organization of Junior groups, though I also included the sponsoring of Girl Scout troops and Camp Fire girls. Michigan was one of the first, if not the first state to organize Juniors sponsored by Senior Clubs. Would that I had space to tell in detail of the many fine projects promoted by Juniors.

When my administration ended, Michigan Federation had 440 clubs, 24 County Federations, and a membership of 60,060.

PERSONNEL

One of the joys of digging out of my attic the material for this narrative of the sixteenth administration has been reading over the names of those club women who served in various departments and divisions and on the many committees. Pausing over each name as I read, I realize how much my administration owed to this gallant band: Helen Russell, Esther Hunter, Belle Knapp, each with an administration of her own, but they also gave so much to mine—Esther as treasurer, Helen, my first vice-president, Belle as president of the Thumb district spreading through what to me was unknown country the gospel of Federation.

What strength was given me by the two past-presidents, Florence Mills and Rena Hamilton—both gentle, kindly friends, ready to help and loathe to criticize. And Emma Fox—I might never have known that remarkable woman had I not been active in the Federation. How much all Michigan club women owe to her!

There are so many who should be mentioned: Mary Thompson, untiring in her devotion to the Federation; Delphine Ashbaugh to whom we owe the twenty-first birthday party which launched the endowment fund. Others are Marie B. Ferry, the Michigan History lady; Margaret Temple Smith, loyal and loving; Hannah Short Vowels, capable and helpful at every turn; Mrs. Williston whose belief in waterways and conservation has never been equaled; Polly Wells who wrote so vividly the convention news, and fitted into so

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many places; Lucia Grimes, outstanding for her legislative work; Mrs. Munger, the bird lady—all the district presidents.

Whatever success I had, whatever I passed on to other administrations, I owe in large part to these women and others there is not space to mention.

As I think back to those two happy years so long ago, it seems to me that it was a period of beginnings. Club women were beginning to be conscious of the effect of motion pictures, the need for consolidated rural schools, of the importance of nutrition, of women from other lands, of the menace of cancer, to mention but a few. Beginnings are not spectacular but most important. On some of these problems progress has been made, but the problems are not solved. We had not learned in those days that it is not our province to compel adherence to all our standards. That is why among our resolutions was one urging modest dress (skirts were climbing higher), another advocating the prohibition of cigarette smoking among women.

Few are the projects conceived and completed in any one administration. I hope I have not claimed something for my administration which belongs to some other president. Each administration is but a link in a long chain of fine achievements.

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Mrs. Dorian M. Russell

SEVENTEENTH ADMINISTRATION: 1922-1924

MRS. DORIAN M. RUSSELL

PRESIDENT

By EDITH V. ALVORD

WHEN HELEN RUSSELL became president of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs the first task facing her was the education of the club women to an understanding of what universal membership in the General Federation meant. True, the 1922 convention delegates had voted to adopt universal membership, but not until it dawned on them that dues hereafter would be twenty-five cents per capita, did the clubs begin to write frantically to their president, inquiring "How come?" Helen's patience and understanding endured, however, and the excitement died down to a degree, but it was the main issue for many months. She did find time for several outside groups, representing the State Federation on the State Legislative Council of Women, the School for Religious Instruction, Immigrant Education Committee, Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Committee, the Consulting Committee of the State Board of Health, besides visiting ninety-seven clubs her first year.

Following the reorganizing of Departments and Divisions of work carried on during the previous administration chairmen were now ready with outlines of their plans and suggestions for doing effective work. Mrs. Russell as a member of the Grand Rapids Board of Education was particularly interested in that department, urging improvement of Michigan's rural schools, the observance of education week, the elimination of illiteracy. Active work was done to promote the Towner-Sterling Bill for a Federal Department of Education.

The Department of Citizenship at this time was urging a more fitting observance of July 4th. Many pageants were presented with the aid of the women's clubs. Especially noteworthy was the pageant the "Gifts of Light" put on by Highland Park clubs, in which several hundred participated, before an audience estimated at seven thousand.

An interesting project of this administration was the Woman's Day at Bay View, Michigan's Chautauqua. This day's program was

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arranged at the request of the Assembly Trustees. So successful it was that for the next summer a Club Institute was planned. For this occasion Mrs. Walter W. Seymour, Chicago, second Vice-president of the General Federation and Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker were guest speakers and fourteen states were represented.

So many Federation projects are continuous, at least for a few years, and Helen had to devise ways and means to add to the Endowment Fund and the Washington Headquarters Fund. The Endowment Fund had reached proportions that it was voted to place it with the Detroit Trust Co. One money raising function for that fund was "Endowment Day at Cranbrook" where a very beautiful program was given in the out-of-doors Greek Theater. About two hundred dollars was raised, besides it was excellent publicity for the Federation.

Helen's first convention held in Detroit presented some unique features. On the opening night there was a procession of club presidents, carrying identification banners, which passed in review in front of the state officers, before they took their seats. On the platform that evening were Mrs. F. G. Boynton, first president of the Detroit Federation, Mrs. Wm. Stocking, and Mrs. Frances Lane, charter members of the first club organized in Detroit—the date 1873, and the second to be organized in Michigan. The fiftieth anniversary of the club was to be observed later in the year. Also it is of interest that one of the speakers that evening was Mary Stewart, author of our club collect.

Among the resolutions passed in this administration was one advocating for the first time a World Court, also for the first time an anti-narcotics resolution. Federal money for Home Economics teaching was approved. One resolution advocating the release of political prisoners held since World War I received considerable newspaper publicity and disapproval, but no serious results are recorded.

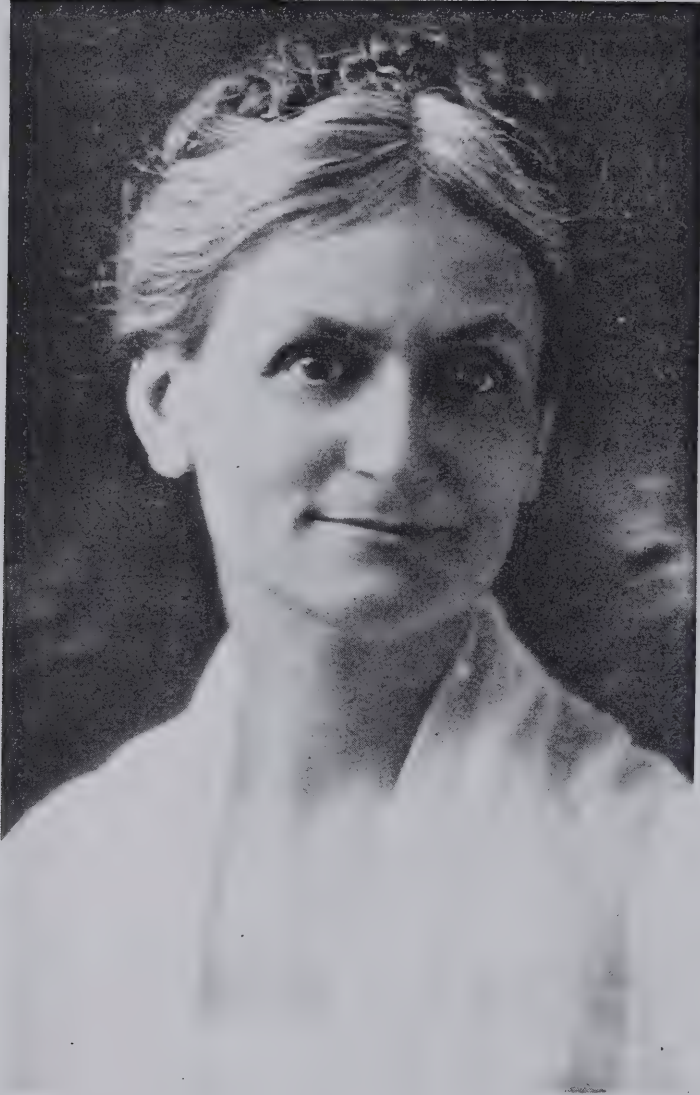
In one of her annual addresses Helen said, "The pink tea stage of club activity had its purpose—it was a passing phase of a great movement; we are simply a few decades farther on. Last year we emphasized group cooperation, enlarging the circle of influence, a realization of individual responsibility, and development of every woman in every group. This year we see the need for the elimination of prejudice, the disciplining of sentiments—for working with the warm heart, but the cool head."

The Board of Directors for the Seventeenth Administration were:

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1922-23, President, Mrs. Dorian M. Russell, Grand Rapids; Vice-president, Mrs. C. E. Vowels, Mt. Pleasant; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Edward Mahan, Bessemer; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. B. W. Wells, Evart; Treasurer, Mrs. George G. Hunter, Saint Johns; District Presidents; Southeastern, Mrs. A. B. Cramer, Detroit; Southwestern, Mrs. H. G. Rosewarne, Niles; East Central, Mrs. A. J. Knapp, Cass City; Northeastern, Miss Marie Comstock, Alpena; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. W. W. Woodward, Ironwood; Northwestern, Mrs. Sam Johnson, Reed City; West Central, Mrs. George E. Kollen, Holland.

1923-1924, the Board of Directors were: President, Mrs. Dorian M. Russell, Grand Rapids; Vice-president, Mrs. George G. Hunter, Saint Johns; Recording Secretary, pro tem, Mrs. B. W. Wells, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Claud J. Shattuck, Albion; Treasurer, Mrs. Alfred Mitchell, Saginaw. District Presidents; Southeastern, Mrs. W. W. Fisk, Jackson; Southwestern, Mrs. Henry G. Roswarne, Niles; East Central, Mrs. Alfred J. Knapp, Cass City; Northeastern, Miss Marie Comstock, Alpena; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. Claud Seeber, Houghton; Northwestern, Mrs. Sam Johnson, Reed City; West Central, Mrs. Frank Stone, Grand Rapids. Official parliamentarian for 1922-1924 was Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Detroit.



Mrs. George G. Hunter

EIGHTEENTH ADMINISTRATION: 1924-1926

MRS. GEORGE G. HUNTER

PRESIDENT

By ESTHER R. HUNTER

LOOKING BACK through the haze of twenty-six years, I ask myself what are the impressions of my administration which abide with me and what do I consider the important events and accomplishments.

The ambition of the president was to make the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs the most vital and quickly responsive force in Michigan.

Those elected in 1924-25, to serve and to make possible these accomplishments were: Mrs. Alfred J. Knapp, Cass City, Vice-president; Mrs. Eben Mumford, Lansing, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Claude Shattuck, Albion, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Alfred J. Mitchell, Saginaw, Treasurer. District Presidents: Mrs. W. W. Fisk, Jackson, Southeastern; Mrs. E. W. Randall, Tekonsha, Southwestern; Mrs. Clarence A. McKenna, Flint, East Central; Miss Marie Comstock, Alpena, Northeastern; Mrs. Claude Seeber, Houghton, Upper Peninsula; Mrs. G. W. Russell, Muskegon, Northwestern; Mrs. J. M. Hutchinson, Lowell, West Central; Mrs. Emma A. Fox, official parliamentarian.

For 1925-26, the officers were: Mrs. George G. Hunter, St. Johns, President; Mrs. Alfred J. Knapp, Cass City, First Vice-president; Mrs. B. W. Wells, Grand Rapids, Second Vice-president; Mrs. Helen Mumford, Lansing, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. W. Fisk, Jackson, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Otto A. Niggli, Sturgis, Treasurer. The District Presidents: Southeastern, Mrs. Frank Dodge, Adrian; Southwestern, Mrs. E. W. Randall, Tekonsha; East Central, Mrs. Clarence A. McKenna, Flint; Northeastern, Mrs. W. Earle Chapman, Cheboygan; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. William S. Crowe, Manistique; Northwestern, Mrs. G. W. Russell, Muskegon; West Central, Mrs. Leon Miner, Owosso.

Official parliamentarian, Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Detroit.

The Federation had emerged from its formative period to one in which so-called cultural clubs to enrich one's own life had grown to a point where broader interests had become a natural part of their

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development, with the added purpose of enriching the life of others.

One of the first achievements was the reorganization of the departments of work, eliminating or consolidating divisions to dispense with overlapping.

As the scope of activities expanded, interest increased. A Department of American Home, under the chairmanship of Mrs. George E. Arnold, Albion, was instituted. In so doing emphasis was placed on home-making, as there is no place that more demands our increasing attention.

The foremost activities of my administration were to raise the standards of the American home with the correlative departments of Child Welfare, Education and American Citizenship leading in programs throughout the 471 clubs in the State.

Recognizing the tendency of right and wrong habits of mind and body in infancy to persist throughout life, there was inaugurated a definite program for establishment of clinics for the pre-school child. Programs were carried forward through co-operation with authorized state agencies.

May Day—Child Health Day—May 1—became a specific day on the calendar throughout town and county in Michigan, which was one of the first states to sponsor such programs. Health work was to become a primary duty, citizens encouraged to set up and follow better standards of nutrition and health.

A fine record was established in the study of community standards in relation to child-health-institutions and industry. As a logical result to these studies came its application in a northern county of our state. The clubwomen with their attention directed to the under-nourished children purchased a "community" cow. With the wide open spaces surrounding the village for pasture, the group solved their immediate problem. The milk was furnished to families unable to purchase it and care of the cow became a community project.

Surveys were popular at this period, entered into with zest. Of great interest and receiving hearty support, two surveys were launched under the supervision of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. One, the urban survey, was completed in this administration, the other, the farm survey, lagged, not completed until later. These surveys gave accurate information of conditions in rural homes. This data furnished a basis for study of the conditions and influences of the home.

Another survey, under the same supervision, the General Fed-

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eration of Women's Clubs, was of local and county jails in preparation of a constructive program for the National Committee on Prisons and Prison Labor.

"Education for life" rather than "education for the purpose of making a living" became the slogan of the Education Department. Better rural schools were stressed, questionnaires were used to focus attention on conditions which existed and to arouse interest while seeking data later to inaugurate needed reforms. The influence of these questionnaires reached the "little red school house" and speeded the consolidated school movement which was making slow progress. In rural Michigan committees were formed to beautify school grounds and provide recreational facilities.

The illiteracy survey of the United States under the slogan "No illiteracy in Michigan in 1930" in which each state was asked to designate a county to be canvassed by clubwomen, was slow in starting. Credit for completion must be given a later administration. It may be added the slogan was not fulfilled.

Another slogan "A county free library in every county" expressed the ambitious plan of the Library Extension Committee directed by Mrs. W. A. Krenerick of Albion. This pioneer work was slow and uphill, but served as a substantial basis upon which to build. This division of work still remains prominent in the activities of the Federation.

Closely allied with education was the work accomplished in the Department of American Citizenship. Special emphasis was placed upon the proper understanding of citizenship as the pressing need of the day. Constitution Day was generally observed by clubs in 1925. Citizenship Institutes were inaugurated for the first time not only giving opportunity for discussion of local problems but information and instruction relative to our form of government. Americanization classes, flags to new alien citizens, were outstanding examples of making better citizens of our alien people and conversely the club women engaged in the work were benefited and inspired by it. This work was carried on in localities where there were large numbers of alien residents.

In 1926, as the result of five hundred circular letters "Go take your neighbor to vote," circularized by Mrs. James C. Graves, Saginaw, chairman of American Citizenship, a poll listed 90% of club women voted at the primaries.

The Eighteenth Administration saw the Juniors under the able

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leadership of Mrs. Harry M. Robins, Detroit, as an integral part of the Federation and in 1926 were represented by delegates to the annual convention. The by-laws were amended to make this possible.

Unusual activity was advanced along the legislative work. World Peace, as at present, was one of the important questions of the hour, if not the question of first importance. Only one of the federal bills in which clubs were vitally interested was passed, the World Court Protocol. The Uniform Marriage and Divorce Law was carried over to the next Congress. In 1952 it is still being "carried over."

The program chairman for the two annual conventions of the Eighteenth Administration was Mrs. J. Nelson Lewis of Detroit who presented programs replete with themes based on the subjects of the American Home and Citizenship.

In 1925 Benton Harbor Federation of Women's Clubs was hostess to the annual convention. From the formal opening with its impressive flag ceremony through the three days of reports, forums and addresses, interspersed with social events, the delegates were entertained with music of rare excellence.

An interesting feature was the presentation of the Michigan Flag by Mrs. Emma A. Fox, honoring Marie B. Ferry, chairman of the Division of Michigan History and curator of the Michigan State Museum.

Among the speakers were Miss Florence Dibert, Second Vice-president of General Federation of Women's Clubs; Dr. Herbert L. Willett, University of Chicago; Owen Lovejoy, General Secretary of the National Child Labor Committee and Dr. Allen Hoben, president of Kalamazoo College on "Training for Citizenship."

In 1926, classic Ann Arbor entertained the thirty-second annual convention. The theme American Home was continued with youth and its problems holding center stage.

Two representatives of the General Federation of Women's Clubs were in attendance; the president, Mrs. John D. Sherman, who remained during the entire convention and Mrs. H. A. Burnham, chairman of the Division of Home Making who drove home with gentle humor the need of "religion, rhythm, and risibility" as factors in home making in her address on "The Three R's in Home Making."

To add to the wealth of inspiration and enthusiasm engendered at the convention was music of an unusually artistic type offered by the members of the faculty of the University of Michigan School of Music.

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Nothing spectacular was accomplished, not every undertaking achieved in full, but the continued steady growth of the federation attests useful work done and continued existence justified.

There were a few achievements as well as "slippery places, hills of difficulty and lions in the path."

Among achievements might well be listed; universal subscription to the official organ "Michigan Club Bulletin" adopted by amendment of the by-laws; the inauguration of the history of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs; club institute held at Bay View Assembly—a meeting of general significance as more than twenty-five state federations were represented, the program built around "Know your Courts" and delinquency; recognition of work done by the Federation in behalf of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater project, the president was appointed by Gov. Alex Groesbeck delegate to the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota; a chartered train for a delegation of 125 clubwomen to the Biennial Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Atlantic City, N.J.; admittance of 43 new clubs; and, after six years of labor, the passage of an appropriation bill in the state legislature to complete the Training School for Women at Okemos. The bill was named "Hunter Act" in honor of the president.

One of the "hills of difficulty" could be named Finance. Finance, as at present, held an important, a vital place in the federation, supplying the means of existence to the organization. The widening scope of Federation activities involved constant adjustment to make resources equal the call on the treasury. To have the official magazine self-supporting, advertisements were solicited.

The Endowment Fund had reached approximately \$21,225.00 but not enough push could be mustered to reach the goal of \$25,000.00. The Federation's Memorial Funds received only small contributions but a definite move was initiated by clubs to establish their own scholarship funds.

One of the "lions in the path" was the necessary abandonment of the State Federation Headquarters in Lansing with an executive secretary in charge, due to insufficient funds. It has never been re-established, although it would provide continuity and a connecting link between administrations.

Clubs were intensely active in legislative work, especially bills discussed through resolutions at the annual conventions; county health departments; survey of Michigan jails, ratification of child

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labor amendment; listing home-makers on census rolls; conservation of natural resources, emphasizing reforestation, forest fire prevention and interest in state parks; Grayling Pines, the last stand of virgin pine, as a state acquirement. It is gratifying to know it became a state park.

Of the four recommendations made at leaving the presidency, three have become a part of the routine of the Federation. Two became a part of the by-laws ten years later—annual meetings to be held in the fall, district meetings in the spring. Club institutes, under caption of workshops today, have been intermittent in their popularity through the years.

To-day I appreciate the words of James Russell Lowell: "Things always look fairer when we look back at them and it is out of that inaccessible tower of the Past that longing leans and beckons."



Mrs. Alfred J. Knapp

NINETEENTH ADMINISTRATION: 1926-1928

MRS. ALFRED J. KNAPP

PRESIDENT

By BELLE M. KNAPP (Mrs. A. J.)

1926-28 WERE THE YEARS of my administration as president of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs. In preparation for that office I had served as the first president of the East Central District and as First Vice-president of the federation.

Since the East Central District is the "Thumb" of Michigan, to most club women in those days, it was wild, unknown country, so I worked hard, determined to prove the worth of the Thumb of Michigan. Thirty-two clubs joined the Federation the first year, and the District was awarded a gavel as a prize for gaining the most clubs for the Federation.

After my election for the sake of economy, I converted the second floor of our home into a Federation office. A full time secretary made the work of the office move along more efficiently and gave me more time to visit clubs. Personal contact with clubs is not only helpful to the clubs, but to the official family too.

The first board meeting, and also my first annual meeting were held in Saginaw with Mrs. Alfred G. Mitchell, local chairman. The second board meeting was held in Albion.

Each board meeting was opened with prayer and carried out in the Spirit of Prayer. The clubs numbered 470, and with an estimated membership of 60,000. Programs for departments of work were carefully made. The American Home Department received special emphasis, and the spiritual influence of home life was stressed and studied in nearly every club in the State. I emphasized the need of character education, that our club women might analyze, study and think along the right lines if leaders are to develop, and if judgment, which is based on knowledge, is to be obtained. I believe that character education will strengthen the individual. Through the individual the club will be strengthened, and all club activities will find finer expression.

Now up to the years when I began my administration, there had

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never been a state convention in the Upper Peninsula. Many club women felt and said it could not be successfully carried on owing to the distance and expense of travel. In 1928 the Upper Peninsula clubs were the hostesses to the State Federation Convention which was held at Sault Ste. Marie. Mrs. Sam Taylor was local chairman. Mrs. B. W. Wells of Grand Rapids was Program Chairman. Of special interest was the visit of the General Federation President, Mrs. John F. Sippel of Baltimore, Maryland, who was a guest of the Federation throughout the Convention. Former Governor Chase Osborn of Michigan was also a guest speaker.

The resolutions passed indicate federation trends. For the first time the State Federation became conscious of the problem of safety, and resolutions were passed urging intensive education in Safety First principles, and a uniform law for licensing operations of motor vehicles.

Other resolutions urged that the Census Law provide for the recognition of Homemaking as a profession; belief in the wisdom of national and state prohibition was reaffirmed; flood control was also advocated.

It was in this administration that the request to use the interest on the Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Scholarship Fund without expectation of repayment was granted. The same request was made relative to the Alice Freeman Palmer Fund but that was not granted since it was created by the Students' Lecture Association taken over by the Federation by action of the Board in 1905, and was completed by the State Federation of Women's Clubs in Mrs. Chamberlin's administration.

The completion of the Endowment Fund of \$25,000.00 was the high point of my administration. My good friend Mrs. Albert E. Sleeper, wife of a former governor, giving the last \$100.00 to complete the fund.

The first General Federation meeting to be held in Michigan was in 1927 when the council meeting met in Grand Rapids. Mrs. Dorian Russell, a past state president, was local chairman. Mrs. Mary Sherman was the General Federation President. The outstanding speaker for this meeting was Dr. Clarence Little, then President of the University of Michigan, who spoke on the general subject of birth control.

I served on the board of the General Federation four years and attended four conventions and five Council meetings.

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Throughout my years of service I have always felt that spiritual guidance in all club activities is the key to a strengthened State organization.

Elected at Ann Arbor to serve for 1926-27 Mrs. Alfred J. Knapp, Cass City, President; Mrs. Eben Mumford, Lansing, First Vice-president; Mrs. C. L. Thompson, Muskegon, Second Vice-president; Mrs. M. J. Hall, Benton Harbor, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. W. Fisk, Jackson, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Otto Niggli, Sturgis, Financial Secretary. The District presidents were: Mrs. Frank Dodge, Adrian, Southeastern; Mrs. James R. Kingsley, Three Rivers, Southwestern; Mrs. Frank Halsted, Port Huron, East Central; Mrs. W. Earle Chapman, Cheboygan, Northeastern; Mrs. W. S. Crowe, Manistique, Upper Peninsula; Mrs. John L. Sweetnam, Manistee, Northwestern; Mrs. Leon Miner, Owosso, West Central.

For 1927-28, the officers were: Mrs. Alfred J. Knapp, Cass City, President; Mrs. Eben Mumford, Lansing, First Vice-president; Mrs. C. L. Thompson, Muskegon, Second Vice-president; Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. J. Hall, Benton Harbor; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Leon Miner, Owosso. District Presidents: Southeastern, Mrs. F. G. Ellett, Mason; Southwestern, Mrs. James R. Kingsley, Three Rivers; East Central, Mrs. Frank Halsted, Port Huron; Northeastern, Mrs. Frank H. Dusenbury, Mount Pleasant; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. R. I. C. Prout, Wakefield; Northwestern, Mrs. John L. Sweetnam, Manistee; West Central, Mrs. E. Phil Bradstrum, Sparta. Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Official Parliamentarian for 1926-1928.

TWENTIETH ADMINISTRATION: 1928-1930

MRS. EBEN MUMFORD

PRESIDENT

THE TWO ANNUAL CONVENTIONS of this administration were held in Lansing, October, 1929; in Jackson, October, 1930.

At each convention the program was filled with worthwhile talks and addresses not alone from our own group but from persons of note. At Lansing, the prominent speakers were Mrs. Lillian M. Gilbreth, New York, Judge Florence E. Allen, Ohio, who spoke on "Our Heritage" and the First Vice-President, General Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole on "What is it all about?"

At Jackson, we were honored by the presence of the Second Vice-president of the General Federation, Mrs. Eugene B. Lawson who spoke on "American Music." Whiting Williams, Mrs. Dora H. Stockman, and Dr. Blanche E. Haines brought worth-while messages on the vital needs of the day.

The Merrill Drama Cup presented by Mrs. Treesa Way Merrill was awarded for the first time in 1929.

The officers of this administration, 1928-1929, were President, Mrs. Eben Mumford, Lansing; First Vice-president, Mrs. C. L. Thompson, Muskegon; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Frank Dodge, Adrian; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Kilburn, Detroit; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Leon F. Miner, Owosso.

District Presidents were: Southeastern District, Mrs. Frank Gates Ellett, Mason; Southwestern District, Mrs. George E. Arnold, Albion; East Central District, Mrs. Alfred A. Mitchell, Saginaw; Northeastern District, Mrs. Frank Dusenbury, Mt. Pleasant; Upper Peninsula District, Mrs. R. I. C. Prout, Wakefield; Northwestern District, Mrs. A. B. Clark, Big Rapids; West Central District, Mrs. E. Phil Bradstrum, Sparta.

For 1929-1930 the officers were President, Mrs. Eben Mumford, Lansing; First Vice-president, Mrs. C. L. Thompson, Muskegon; Second Vice-president, Mrs. R. I. C. Prout, Wakefield; Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. R. Keyworth, Detroit; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Edwin T. Armstrong, Adrian. District presidents were: Southeastern, Mrs. Roland A. Cornell, Detroit; Southwestern, Mrs. George A. Arnold, Albion; East Central, Mrs. Alfred A. Mitchell, Saginaw; Northeastern, Mrs. A. E. Mulder, Clare; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. H. A. Newkirk, Norway; West Central, Mrs. Sears R. McLean, Holland.



Mrs. C. L. Thompson

TWENTY-FIRST ADMINISTRATION: 1930-1931

MRS. C. L. THOMPSON

PRESIDENT

By ESTHER R. HUNTER

*Past President Michigan State Federation
of Women's Clubs*

MARY E. THOMPSON, beloved friend and leader of Michigan club-women, served as president of Michigan State Federation a few weeks more than a year, having presided at the annual convention in Muskegon, 1931, three weeks previous to answering the call of the Master. She was the first active president to pass from life since the organization of the Federation.

She had keen interest in human welfare and found in the Woman's Club a means of developing that interest for the betterment of society.

Mrs. Thompson was well prepared for the office of president, having served as chairman of many departments and divisions. She was finance chairman under two administrations and held offices in the State Federation of corresponding secretary, second vice-president and first vice-president.

Two outstanding accomplishments featured the short period of her administration.

In preparation for the celebration of George Washington's 200th anniversary in 1932, a forty acre tract was secured in the Ogemaw State Forest Reserve, to be known as George Washington Memorial Forest.

The "Detroit News Reforestation Plan" was adopted and with the co-operation of Michigan Department of Conservation 40,000 white and Norway pine seedlings were planted at a colorful ceremony in April 1931.

The expense of the planting was borne by the seven districts as "a living, thriving memorial of nationwide celebration."

National magazines gave recognition to the Michigan project, the headline in one read "Michigan women register 40,000 trees, lead-

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ing all states in a memorial acreage for George Washington Bicentennial".

Ever alert to create and sustain the desire for self-betterment and encourage an intellectual awakening, Mrs. Thompson brought forth a plan for an Adult Education Institute to be held at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. The plan was enthusiastically approved at her last board meeting and adopted at her last annual meeting. The Institute was to last five days, to consist of six lectures daily under the auspices of the professors of the University. The worthwhileness of this plan is attested by its continuance through twenty-one years.

The clubwomen in Michigan justified their existence during the period of economic disorder and distress by responding to a request from President Herbert Hoover for an unemployment survey. The "questionnaire" was in the mail within twenty-four hours, the responses from clubs were equally prompt.

From the President of the United States to Mrs. Thompson came this message: "I appreciate very warmly what you and your associates of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs have done in co-operation with the President's Emergency Committee on Unemployment. This work has been of the greatest social value besides the obvious humanitarian aspects."

In the foreward for the year book 1931-32 which Mrs. Thompson was writing at the time of her death, is this unfinished message:

"Let us, if possible, increase the work of the Federation, extend its usefulness and influence, and interpret in every way possible its guiding spirit, the loyalty to a common purpose which represents a fundamental need of community, state and nation, as evidenced by our various departments.

"The Year Book is a record of the official personnel of Michigan's Federation, including names of all Clubs, Club Presidents and Treasurer, audits, and various Department and Division executives representing the seven Districts of the State. It contains likewise the constitution and——"

She passed "through the open door into the Beautiful Beyond to experience the Great Adventure."

Officers for 1930-31 were: President, Mrs. C. L. Thompson, Muskegon; First Vice-president, Mrs. R. I. C. Prout, Wakefield; Second Vice-president, Mrs. George E. Arnold, Albion; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Edwin T. Armstrong, Adrian; Financial Secretary, Mrs. W. W. Fisk, Jackson.

District Presidents: Southeastern, Mrs. Roland A. Cornell, De-

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troit; Southwestern, Mrs. F. N. Moulthrop, Dowagiac; East Central, Mrs. Harry M. Francis, Lapeer; Northeastern, Mrs. A. E. Mulder, Clare; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. H. A. Newkirk, Norway; Northwestern, Mrs. Mason B. Morton, Muskegon Height; West Central, Mrs. Sears R. McLean.

Officers for 1931-32: Officers elected in Muskegon, Oct. 2, 1931, President, Mrs. C. L. Thompson, Muskegon; First Vice-president, Mrs. R. I. C. Prout, Wakefield; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Sears R. McLean, Holland; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Edwin T. Armstrong, Adrian; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Frank A. Halstead, Port Huron.

District Presidents: Southeastern, Mrs. James H. Baker, Adrian; Southwestern, Mrs. Frank Moulthrop, Dowagiac; East Central, Mrs. Harry M. Francis, Lapeer; Northeastern, Mrs. George B. Stanford, Midland; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. S. C. Taylor, Sault Ste. Marie; Northwestern, Mrs. Mason B. Morton, Muskegon Heights; West Central, Mrs. Thomas Musson, Edmore. Mrs. Emma A. Fox served as official parliamentarian for the administration 1930-31.



Mrs. Robert Ira Cole Prout

TWENTY-SECOND ADMINISTRATION: 1931-1933

MRS. ROBERT IRA COLE PROUT

PRESIDENT

By BLANCHE BLYNN MAW (Mrs. Arthur Ernest)
State Chairman of Federation History and Scrap Book
1951-1953

ONE OF THE MOST outstanding administrations in the history of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs is that of Mrs. R. I. C. Prout. Just as all women leave their mark on the achievements of any state, so Mrs. Prout left hers on Michigan.

The untimely death of Mrs. C. L. Thompson (Mary E. Green Thompson) the month following her election for the second term brought Mrs. Prout, the first vice-president, into the presidency of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs and Mrs. Sears R. McLean into the position of first vice-president.

The immediate problem for Mrs. Prout was the appointment of a second vice-president. She chose Mrs. Earle Chapman of Cheboygan who had served as district president of Northeastern District.

The program of the year already outlined by Mrs. Thompson was carried forward by the Board of Directors. The project nearest the heart of Mrs. Thompson was the Institute of Adult Education. Two institutes had been held in Ann Arbor, under the direction of Dr. Henderson, director extension service at the University of Michigan. The reports of these institutes were so satisfactory, Mrs. Prout entered into an agreement with the Extension Division of the University of Michigan to sponsor the project. It has proved to be worthwhile. It has been held annually with the exception of two years and "Has done much to interest the forward looking women of Michigan in contemporary social, political and economic problems."**

At the time of the Institute of Adult Education in Ann Arbor, 1932, memorial exercises in memory of Mrs. Thompson were held at Hill Auditorium followed by the dedication of a Memorial Garden in the University Arboretum, the garden to be a Natural Wild flower haven, specimens to be added by the clubs of the State Federation.

** C. A. Fisher, Director University of Michigan Extension Service.

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A reforestation project begun in earlier administrations was completed with the third and last planting (120 acres in pine) in the Ogemaw State Forest, in co-operation with the Detroit News and dedicated on Oct. 14, 1932, by the State Chairman of Conservation, Mrs. John L. Sweetnam, and the Second Vice-president, Mrs. W. E. Chapman. The marker bears the inscription: "Mary E. Thompson Memorial Forest."

The Juniors under the chairmanship of Miss Frances M. Garvey, Alpena, were given signal recognition, had the first meeting as part of the general program at Detroit in 1932 and their first annual Junior Membership dinner.

An Art Fund for Annual Art Awards recognizing Michigan artists was a highlight in this administration.

Plans for the 1935 Triennial, which was to be held in Detroit, were begun and Mrs. William R. Alvord and Mrs. Prout were appointed co-chairmen.

Several features were instituted at the annual conventions during Mrs. Prout's administration: A Colonial Tea, honoring Michigan's eldest mother, Mrs. Lovisa Spella Heath, Milford; a colorful Pioneer Dinner, honoring the original Federated Clubs.

To encourage appreciation in music and participation in it, Mrs. Prout in her report as president 1933 reported: "All districts started a fund for Interlochen Scholarship, entitling a student to a summer's work at the famous National High School Orchestra and Band Camp."

Another scholarship instituted was the Mary E. Thompson Memorial Scholarship Fund, to be used for teachers—not established until later for the Central State Teacher's College.

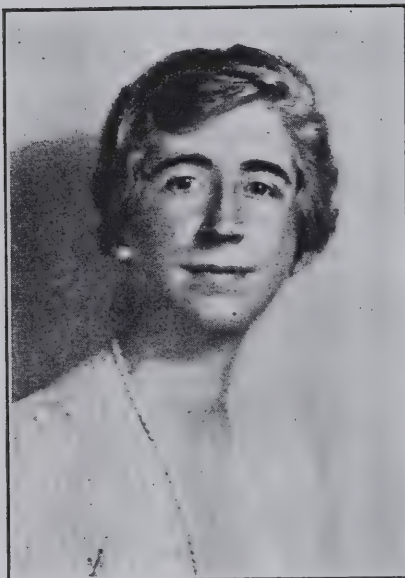
The annual meetings were held at the Book-Cadillac, Detroit. Prominent speakers on these occasions were Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole, President General Federation of Women's Clubs; Dr. Josephine L. Peirce, Lima, Ohio, Second Vice-president General Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Edward Hammett, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, Treasurer, General Federation of Women's Clubs; Miss Mary Sue Wigley, Chicago; U. S. Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg; Dr. Alexander G. Ruthven, President University of Michigan; Professor S. L. Joshi D. Litt, Dartmouth College.

Officers for 1931-32 were: President, Mrs. Robert Ira Cole Prout, Wakefield; First Vice-president, Mrs. Sears R. McLean, Holland; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Willis Earle Chapman, Cheboygan; Re-

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Recording Secretary, Mrs. Edwin T. Armstrong, Adrian; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Frank A. Halstead, Port Huron. District Presidents: Southeastern District, Mrs. James H. Baker, Adrian; Southwestern District, Mrs. Frank N. Moulthrop, Dowagiac; East Central, Mrs. Harry M. Frances, Lapeer; Northeastern, Mrs. George B. Stanford, Midland; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. S. C. Taylor, Sault Ste. Marie; Northwestern, Mrs. Mason B. Morton, Muskegon Heights; West Central, Mrs. Thomas Musson, Edmore.

Officers for 1932-33 were: President, Mrs. Robert Ira Cole Prout, Wakefield; First Vice-president, Mrs. Sears R. McLean, Holland; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Willis Earle Chapman, Cheboygan; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Brockway Dickie, Albion; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Frank A. Halsted, Port Huron. District Presidents: Southeastern, Mrs. James H. Baker, Adrian; Southwestern, Mrs. George E. Foote, Kalamazoo; East Central, Mrs. David Carl, Richmond; Northeastern, Mrs. George B. Stanford, Midland; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. S. C. Taylor, Sault Ste. Marie; Northwestern, Mrs. Arlie L. Hopkins, Bear Lake; West Central, Mrs. Thomas Musson, Edmore. Mrs. Emma A. Fox, official Parliamentarian, during administration.



Mrs. Sears R. McLean

TWENTY-THIRD ADMINISTRATION: 1933-1935

MRS. SEARS R. McLEAN

PRESIDENT

By ESTHER R. HUNTER

Past President Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs

EVELYN C. McLEAN's REGIME was fraught with difficulties from the beginning. The Nation was in the throes of the depression, banks closed and clubs unable to pay dues were withdrawing from the Federation and many others were disbanding.

The following resolution, presented by the Past Presidents' Club at the annual meeting at which she was elected in 1933 was passed unanimously:

"We move that the incoming administration be permitted elasticity in the use of the by-laws so that changes in keeping with the vital needs of the times may be made and that the President be authorized to appoint a committee to make an analysis of the situation and to present a program, with power to act, which will include drastic reduction in dues, as membership is built up."

A Reorganization Committee of four past presidents and three officers was immediately created to analyze carefully the situation and present a program.

The program was drastic: reduction in dues, the Forum, the official organ, temporarily discontinued, departments reduced in number, district chairmen eliminated, clubs unable to pay dues the previous one or two years, reinstated without payment of entrance fee and continued in membership by paying of current dues.

This reorganization was received favorably, with result that the membership of 272 clubs in 1933 was increased to 358 clubs in 1935.

Notwithstanding the interruption of established routine, the morale was sustained and obligations met.

Mrs. McLean received hundreds of letters from clubwomen expressing co-operation in the critical phase of club life. In her response to these letters she voiced a bit of philosophy which characterized her strength:

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"We are not in the midst of Despair, but of Adventure, in the New Plan, and by forceful and intelligent co-operation, we shall go forward, with an increasing membership and an intensive program which will guarantee activity with insight."

During her administration two major topics were emphasized—a peace program and education, that backgrounds of understanding might be created.

At the convention in Grand Rapids one session was given to the Juniors who presented a panel jury on "What department is most vital to the Junior group?"

As a testimonial to the vision of the pioneer club women, a colorful dinner was given at which pioneer clubs were honored as well as pioneer club women.

A memorial fund in honor of Mary E. Thompson, a former president, was established in 1933 to be known as The Mary E. Thompson Scholarship Loan Fund.

Through the foresightedness of Mrs. McLean, machinery of the federation was strengthened. County federations had accepted groups into membership other than federated clubs, until they were top heavy with non-federated clubs. To correct this growing inroad upon direct membership, a proposed amendment heatedly discussed became a by-law. It required 75% of the membership in County Federations to be directly affiliated with the State Federation.

Endowment Fund Trustees were given charge of the Endowment Fund and its investments became a part of the machinery of the federation.

The outstanding achievement of the administration was the entertainment of the General Federation Triennial Convention in Detroit in 1935. Clubwomen of the U.S., England, France, Australia and other countries converged in numbers to find their comfort and entertainment had been anticipated. The Herculean task of raising funds, attention to each detail, living and working together for a week—with harmony prevailing at the close of the meeting is worthy of mention.

Officers elected for 1933-34 were: President, Mrs. Sears R. McLean, Holland; First Vice-president, Mrs. W. Earle Chapman, Cheboygan; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Maurice R. Keyworth, Detroit; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Brockway Dickie, Albion; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Frederick E. Kellar, Grand Haven; Chairman of Finance, Mrs. Howard F. Patterson, Saginaw. District Presidents: Southeast-

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ern, Mrs. Don W. Goodnow, Howell; Southwestern, Mrs. George E. Foote, Kalamazoo; East Central, Mrs. David Carl, Richmond; Northeastern, Mrs. H. R. Hadcock, Bay City; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. Joseph C. Hicks, Iron Mountain; Northwestern, Mrs. Arlie L. Hopkins, Bear Lake; West Central, Mrs. Evora Wilson, Owosso.

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THE 1935 TRIENNIAL

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Detroit, Michigan—June 4-12

By EDITH V. ALVORD

IT WAS WHILE MABEL PROUT was president that the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs voted to invite the General Federation to hold its 1935 Triennial in Detroit. The invitation was accepted. Mrs. Prout and Mrs. Wm. R. Alvord were appointed co-chairmen; Mrs. Prout assuming responsibility for whatever was expected from the state, and Mrs. Alvord was made responsible for local arrangements.

To carry out the local arrangements there was a Local Triennial Committee: Mrs. Wm. R. Alvord, chairman; Mrs. M. R. Keyworth, vice-chairman; Mrs. H. M. Robins, secretary; and forty-eight committees, manned by local club women. These chairmen were wonderful—carrying out efficiently the many jobs assigned them.

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There was also a State Triennial Committee concerned mostly with funds and souvenirs. The members were Mrs. Prout, Mrs. Alvord, co-chairmen; Mrs. Sears R. McLean; Mrs. W. E. Chapman, Mrs. M. R. Keyworth and Mrs. J. F. Siefert. Would that space permitted telling of the thousand and one details of the preparation for that convention. Michigan's job was to construct a smoothly running machine that would provide every comfort for our visitors, to cover up mistakes and present a united front. So why dwell on the sudden realization that the auditorium acoustics were impossible, though the Convention Bureau had intimated they were perfect. We calmly ordered installed a P.A. system and paid the \$200 bill with a smile.

Why recall the taxi strike which ordered the Ford Motor Co. to cease giving to delegates free rides in Model Ts from the Statler to the Masonic Temple. Rather would we recall that each General Federation past-president and top official had a car at her disposal at all times, through the kindness of various automobile companies.

One of the high lights was the opening Michigan Products dinner honoring the General Federation President, Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole and the official board—white fish from Cheboygan; Top O'Michigan potatoes; Thumb O'Michigan beans; Lawton grape sherbet, Hart carrots and peas, hickory nuts from Howell, etc.—ending with Traverse City cherry pie. And decorations? Gorgeous tulips from Holland, Michigan, negotiated by the Michigan president, Mrs. Sears R. McLean. As souvenirs Mrs. Prout secured copper flower pots and in them tiny pine trees, also small balsam pillows. This dinner was chaired by Ora Keyworth who gave attention to every detail.

Then there was Play Day—no state ever offered a more perfect one. Greenfield Village by automobiles in the morning. At one o'clock back in Detroit for a ride on the Detroit River—a box luncheon for each visitor to enjoy as the boats floated toward Lake Erie.

Landing on Belle Isle at five o'clock, visitors were given a choice of dinner at the Detroit Boat Club, Belle Isle Casino, and the Detroit Yacht Club. At eight o'clock all were conveyed to the Belle-Isle Shell where the Chevrolet Glee Club presented a most delightful concert. At exactly nine-thirty as the final chorus was being sung around the bend were seen coming the buses to take everyone back to the hotels—not a slip-up anywhere.

Those were the days when the Ford Motor Co. was broadcasting

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Sunday evening symphony concerts at Orchestra Hall—they very graciously reserved the hall for the General Federation on this Sunday evening. It was indeed a highlight of the convention. Every seat taken by the delegates, all beautifully gowned for the occasion.

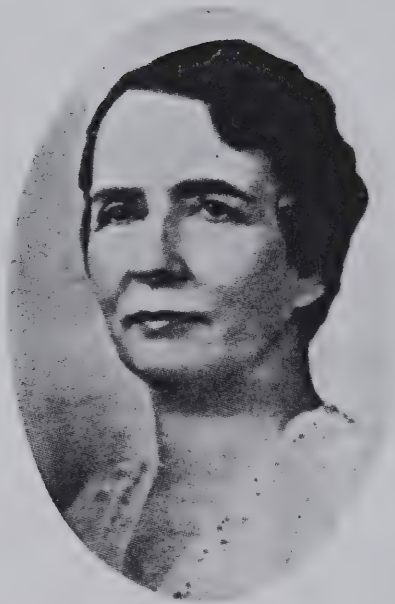
Another fine musical event was the appearance of the Orpheus and Madrigal Clubs in an evening concert assisted by the Detroit Wood Wind Ensemble. The Chrysler Male Choir on another evening offered an hour of song. For this wealth of music we were indebted to Mrs. Edith Rhett's Tilton.

Not only a convention of music but of pageantry as well. On the opening night was presented a Pageant of Welcome "Hold Fast that Which is Good", written by Mrs. Claire Kyler Hagey and directed by Treesa Way Merrill. It featured in song and dance the many foreign groups of Detroit and was most impressive. There was a Junior pageant, "The Winged Way"; a pageant on the American Home, "The Sheltering Flame", and finally a pageant, "The Frontiers of These United States", originated and arranged by Mrs. Carl C. Schraeder of Massachusetts, which featured episodes, and was put on by women from many parts of the United States.

During the eight days of the convention the local committees were responsible for special meals. There were ten breakfasts; six teas, five tours to points of interest; nineteen dinners and eighteen Sunday night suppers.

Anticipating mounting convention expenses the State Triennial Committee concentrated on ways and means of raising money. Clubs were asked for contributions and responded generously. Mrs. Prout prepared a most attractive little cook-book, entitled "A Cook's Tour", since there were recipes from club women in every state. This unique book was on the best-seller list throughout the convention.

It was a great experience—this convention. Thanks and again thanks to all who helped.



Mrs. W. Earle Chapman

TWENTY-FOURTH ADMINISTRATION: 1935-1937

MRS. W. EARLE CHAPMAN

PRESIDENT

By MARY McARTHUR CHAPMAN (Mrs. W. Earle)

THIS WAS A RATHER DARK TIME in the history of our State Federation. The financial crash of 1929 had limited all activities in local clubs and was now being reflected in our state affairs. Memberships had fallen off, attendance at meetings was small, and our finances in an unstable condition. The main task ahead seemed to be to keep up an interest in club work and build to working strength again.

My first annual meeting, 1935, was held in Manistee. The clubs in the Manistee County Federation acted as Hostess Clubs. The club women attending will always remember the genuine friendship and warm hospitality extended by these loyal women. The October sunshine and glorious coloring of the autumn foliage seemed to bring fresh life and enthusiasm into every one and when it came time to plan for our second annual meeting we were all feeling more encouraged and certainly more assured.

My second annual meeting, 1937, was held in Flint. Flint Sorosis and the clubs of the Genesee County Federation were hostess clubs honoring Mrs. John E. Sickles, Second Vice-president.

Th first problem, as president, had been to appoint a Second Vice-president. There had been three candidates for the office and not one had received the majority vote; so it was declared, "No election," and the president was empowered to make the appointment. After considering the many names presented, I chose Mrs. John E. Sickles.

All during this meeting the threat of a general strike of hotel employees hung over the heads of the entertainment committee. However the strike was not called until the week following when the Daughters of the American Revolution held their convention in Flint.

One of the high lights of this meeting was the celebration of the ninetieth birthday of Mrs. Emma A. Fox. It was a happy event for our "Emma"—colorful and dignified as befitted her. At a tea Mrs.

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Fox was seated in a chair of gold and the Juniors of Flint presented her with ninety red roses. With the years Mrs. Fox had grown more lenient with women and their casual attitude toward "Women's Rights" and "Women's Duties", yet lost no opportunity in holding the clubs to ideas of perfection and correct procedure when conducting public meetings and in ever assuming civic responsibilities.

For Mrs. Fox's "Birthday Celebration", a poem by Arthur Guiterman, especially written for her, was read.

Stout heart to steep hill.
Earth melts behind you;
Firm faith and strong will,
No mist can blind you.

Up, up the craig still
Bravely endeavor;
Stout heart to steep hill,
Stalwart forever.

During my two years as President, and the following two as General Federation Director, I was fortunate in having with me officers who were real friends, also they were experienced club women and efficient.

Mrs. Keyworth—now Mrs. Earl Warner—was an experienced program builder and having been in educational work in Detroit for years, was able to secure able speakers for and manage details of large conventions, I feel much indebted to her for her generous and able assistance. It was with pleasure, as well as with regret that I handed over the presidency to her.

After fifteen years, I think that the things of most importance accomplished during my administration were,—

Establishing the Emma A. Fox Federation Foundation Fund.

Changing the date of the Annual Meeting from Fall to Spring, to be held before the General Federation Annual Meeting.

I was fortunate in my official family. They were as follows: President, Mrs. W. Earle Chapman, Cheboygan; First Vice-president, Mrs. Maurice R. Keyworth, Detroit; Second Vice-president, Mrs. John E. Sickles, Flint; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Arlie L. Hopkins, Bear Lake; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Howard F. Patterson, Saginaw; Chairman of Finance, Mrs. George E. Ford, Gaylord. District Presi-

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dents: Southeastern, Mrs. Florence F. Heberling, Jackson; Southwestern, Mrs. M. J. Cross, Hastings; East Central, Mrs. Alex Marshall, Kingston; Northeastern, Mrs. Chester A. Welch, Mount Pleasant; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. W. F. Morgan, Marquette; Northwestern, Mrs. Arthur Wilson Bruce, Traverse City; West Central, Mrs. Lee Stewart, Ionia; Official Parliamentarian, Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Detroit.

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Mrs. Earl Warner

TWENTY-FIFTH ADMINISTRATION: 1937-1939

MRS. MAURICE R. KEYWORTH
MRS. EARL WARNER
PRESIDENT

By ORA G. WARNER (Mrs. Earl)

CHARACTER EDUCATION AND
HEALTH EDUCATION

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS
DURING TWENTY-FIFTH ADMINISTRATION

1. Reorganization of Departments with the new Departments and Divisions of Character Education, Adult Education, Religious Education, Domestic Art, Creative Writing, Prose Literature, Pageantry, Radio and Safety added. The committee on Publicity was enlarged and the office of Dean of Departments established.

2. Printed outlines of all chairmen, in loose leaf folders, were mailed to all clubs with additional material sent with the president's monthly letter.

3. The Emma A. Fox Federation Foundation Fund was increased from \$315.00 to \$1,647.37. We sent \$500.00 to General Federation Foundation Fund.

4. The Junior Department raised \$875 to complete the Mary E. Thompson \$1,000 Scholarship Loan Fund. The Board voted to place the fund in Central Michigan College of Education, Mt. Pleasant.

5. 1,000 acres of pine trees were planted in the Higgins Lake Forest Preserve, and 200 acres planted in the Upper Peninsula.

6. Weekly broadcasts were carried over Radio Stations WXYZ and CKLW, Detroit, with other broadcasts from Grand Rapids, Lansing, and Upper Peninsula stations.

7. Michigan won the General Federation Safety Award of \$100 in 1938 and 1939. Also, won first prize for the best Community Art Festival in a city of over 6,000 population.

8. State Federation flower (yellow jonquil) was adopted. State Federation colors (green and gold) adopted.

9. State Federation news carried monthly in Detroit Federation Magazine ("Detroit Club Women") for two years.

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10. Articles prepared by Chairman of Motion Pictures published in monthly magazine of Detroit Automobile Club.

11. 1,000 copies of the Flag Code, as adopted by the National Flag Conference, Washington, D.C., June, 1923, were sent to clubs for distribution.

12. 53 new clubs were admitted to membership in the State Federation.

13. State-wide Publicity Conference held in WWJ Auditorium.

14. The Junior Department was reorganized to conform to the General Federation.

15. Every county organized for work of Women's Field Army for Cancer Control.

16. Maintained a booth at Michigan State Fair, Detroit, and sponsored an educational program one afternoon.

The District and individual club accomplishments were many and important. Reports showed libraries built and established; club scholarship loan funds raised; much community charity work done; camp privileges for underprivileged children provided; health clinics, dental clinics, and baby clinics held; youth centers established and maintained; free educational picture shows given; adult education classes sponsored in communities; International Relations hours held in clubs; Junior clubs contributed to the Emma A. Fox Fund as well as raising Mary E. Thompson Scholarship Loan Fund. A portion of each convention was given over to the Juniors and the 1939 convention was carried over Saturday and Sunday to enable employed Juniors to attend.

The Emma A. Fox Federation Foundation Fund Club was organized at the 1937 convention, so I had the privilege of serving as its first president.

I held two Board meetings and three Finance committee meetings each year, one of the latter with Detroit Trust Co. who has charge of investments of our Endowment Fund.

I attended all General Federation Board meetings held in Washington, D.C., and remained for The Cause and Cure of War Conference the following week; also attended conventions in Miami, Tulsa, Kansas City and San Francisco. Serving as Chairman of Americanization of General Federation, I appeared on the program at Tulsa, Miami, and Kansas City. Also prepared outlines of work and wrote articles which appeared in General Federation "Club Woman."

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I attended all District meetings, many County Federation meetings, also individual club meetings in every district.

While driving over a very icy road in winter to attend the annual meeting of St. Clair County Federation, a young man suddenly waved me to stop, and at the same time I noticed an overturned car beyond the fence along the roadside. His father had a fractured arm, and his brother was suffering from shock or internal injury. As he helped the injured men into the back seat, he asked me to drive them to a certain doctor's office in St. Clair while he looked after his car. Both men groaned with pain for the five miles. The doctor had gone to his home, and a lady in an adjoining office called him. The two patients begged me not to leave them alone, so I waited for the doctor. In the meantime, the father paced the floor, the son trying to support the broken arm. Suddenly the boy fell to the floor in a faint. I managed to get the father into a chair and had just succeeded in reviving the unconscious son when the doctor arrived. I was a half-hour late for the luncheon but was excused when I explained. The chairman introduced me as the "Good Samaritan."

Representing the State Federation as a member of the Advisory Commission on Michigan Education, The Michigan Education Council, the Joint Commission on Health Education, Michigan Council of Social Agencies, and the Michigan State Nurses Association, I attended their meetings.

While president, I served as president of the Upper Mississippi Valley Conference of the General Federation. I also was president of Michigan State Council on Adult Education, and president of Michigan Delinquency Prevention Council.

I presided at the Adult Education Section of the National Education Association at annual convention in Detroit, and appeared on the program at annual meeting of Michigan Education Association in Detroit, and Program of State convention of Parent-Teachers Association.

I was serving as the first State Commander of Women's Field Army for Cancer Control in Michigan while president, and since this work was a project of the General Federation, we organized all counties as a part of our Health Education program.

I was appointed by Governor Frank Murphy to serve on the Committee for Revision of the Constitution of the State of Michigan.

The 1938 convention was held at the Book-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, at which time panel discussions were held for the first time on our programs. An outstanding feature of International Relations

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night was the participation by a Mexican orchestra, in costume, on one side of the stage, and a large Ukranian Chorus, also in costume, on the other side, with huge flags of 34 nations placed in standards around the auditorium. The Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs were hostesses for the Board dinner at their clubhouse, and the opening session was held in their auditorium. The Detroit New Century Club provided the tea at the hotel at which time the B. Siegel Company staged a style show. Highland Park Woman's Club had charge of the reception for honor guests, and Detroit Review Club the Fine Arts luncheon.

Many unusual exhibits were on display, including a Cancer Control exhibit brought by Doctor F. Rictor from Chicago. The Meat Packers' Association gave a demonstration of meat cuts, and how to select cuts.

General Federation guests were Mrs. Seymour, Vice-president, and Mrs. Hammett, Chairman of Safety.

At one session presidents of all Women's State organizations, and Michigan woman member of State Legislature were presented and brought greetings.

The 1939 convention was held in Grand Rapids. Pantlind Hotel was headquarters where luncheons, dinners and receptions were held. The Memorial service was held in Fountain Street Baptist Church. All sessions were held in Municipal Auditorium adjoining. The Junior Department was featured on Saturday, and an orchestra brought by the Niles Woman's Club provided music for later entertainment and dancing following the reception. A feature of the Sunday afternoon program was a half-hour of sacred music by massed choirs of all Grand Rapids churches. The address on Character Education was delivered by Dr. Stevens, President of Cranbrook School, Bloomfield Hills.

General Federation guests were Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, Vice-president, and Mrs. W. T. Moore, Chairman of Safety.

The week before this convention an attack of influenza left an abscessed ear which had to be lanced the morning I left home, and when stepping out of the car, enroute, received a badly sprained ankle which was so swollen when I arrived it could bear no weight, so had to be taken to the hotel and to my room in a wheel-chair, conducting my preconvention committee and Board meetings from my bed with the ankle packed in ice. I recovered sufficiently to conduct the convention and give a radio broadcast, but the temporarily deaf ear was a handicap.

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During the two years I was called upon for many radio programs, one of which I always recall with a smile. The program was one of the interview type. As usual we were told to drop papers on the carpeted floor to avoid noise. Once, in doing so, I happened to glance down while a question was being asked only to discover a full grown mouse sitting quietly on the last sheet. Spontaneously, I gathered my feet up on my chair and looked up to find the man behind the controls in the glassed-off room convulsed in laughter, and ready to cut the program off the air in case anyone should scream. Fortunately, I maintained self-control, and the program went on uninterrupted, the other participants not having observed the mouse.

I am most grateful to have had the privilege of serving the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs two years as President and two as General Federation Director from Michigan. The experience is invaluable. No president ever enjoyed her work more than I did, and the friendships made are priceless. Any accomplishments of my administration are credited to the faithful work of all the chairmen and committee members, the loyalty of my Board and the fine cooperation of all the Michigan Club women.

Officers for 1937-38 were: President, Mrs. Maurice R. Keyworth, Detroit; First Vice-president, Mrs. John E. Sickles, Flint; Second Vice-president,, Mrs. John L. Sweetnam, Ministee; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Rex Robert Seeber, Houghton; Financial Secretary, Mrs. George A. Ford, Gaylord; Chairman of Finance, Mrs. Albert H. Carveth, Hastings. District Presidents: Southeastern, Mrs. Florence Heberling, Jackson; Southwestern, Mrs. W. L. Helkie, Three Oaks; East Central, Mrs. D. C. Atkins, Jr., Vassar; Northeastern, Mrs. Chester A. Welch, Mount Pleasant; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. W. F. Morgan, Marquette; Northeastern, Mrs. C. L. Rose, Evart; West Central, Mrs. Lee Stewart, Ionia.

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Tree-planting at Higgins Lake State Forest, June 5, 1938



Mrs. John Edward Sickles

TWENTY-SIXTH ADMINISTRATION: 1939-1941

MRS. JOHN EDWARD SICKLES
PRESIDENT

WORLD UNDERSTANDING
THROUGH EDUCATION

By MABEL TOWNSEND SICKLES (Mrs. John E.)

MABEL L. TOWNSEND SICKLES, twenty-sixth president of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, became interested in Federated Club work in 1920 and filled many offices in the local clubs of Flint and vicinity. She served as Chairman of Literature in the East Central District of the State Federation, president of Flint Sorosis Club, president of Genesee County Federation of Women's Clubs, and is an Honorary member of Flint Sorosis and Columbian Clubs.

The annual convention of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs of 1935 was held in Ann Arbor. There being no election for the office of Second Vice-president, Mrs. W. E. Chapman of Cheboygan, President of the State Federation, appointed Mrs. Sickles to fill the vacancy. In 1936 she was elected Second Vice-president at Manistee. In 1937 she was advanced to the office of First Vice-president at Flint and held the office for two years. Mrs. Sickles was elected president in 1939 in Grand Rapids and chose for her Theme, "World Understanding Through Education." During her administration she held two conventions, one in the Consistory Cathedral, Bay City, and one in the Masonic Temple, Lansing. She was elected Michigan's Director to the General Federation of Women's Clubs for 1941-42.

Mrs. Sickles appointed Mrs. H. Glenn Shutes of Detroit as state chairman of Junior Club Women and Mrs. Joseph C. Wedekind Co-Chairman of Detroit.

Many state projects were achieved during Mrs. Sickles's administration and many honors given her. She was elected president of the Presidents' Council of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1940, in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Sickles was appointed committee chairman for State and Foreign Flags used at the Golden Jubilee celebration of the General

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Federation, at Atlantic City, N.J., in 1941. The Honorable Lurin D. Dickinson, Governor of Michigan, appointed Mrs. Sickles the only woman representative on the Michigan National Defense Council, functioning in World War II, and she was appointed a member of the National Advisory Committee on Women's Participation for the State of Michigan, by Grover A. Whalen, President of the New York World's Fair in 1939.

During her administration she set aside in a separate bank account, the Emma A. Fox Federation Foundation Fund.

Placed the Mary E. Thompson Student Loan Fund for worthy students in the Central State Teachers' College at Mt. Pleasant, and personally financed the planting of 40 acres of the 1,000 acres of Pine Trees in Higgins Lake State Forest.

In 1941, the National Safety Award was given to Grand Rapids Federation for outstanding work in safety, and the Golden Jubilee March Contest of the General Federation was won by Mrs. Peter Hartman of the Romeo Woman's Club. The composition—"Federation March."

Mrs. Sickles was made an active member of the Advisory Committee of the Michigan School for the Deaf; served as one of the Judges for the American Legion Contest for students in Flint Public Schools; was guest speaker at the Michigan State Fair in 1940, and attended the Conference on Press and Publicity held in Detroit.

Some of the resolutions passed during her administration were: proposing increased appropriation for the Michigan School for the Deaf; supporting Child Labor Law; teaching of Spanish in Military Training; participation of Women in National Defense.

The Adult Education Institute held yearly in Ann Arbor, Michigan, is sponsored by the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs and Mrs. Sickles has served many years as a Member of the Board.

She was present at all General Federation Board meetings held in Washington, D.C. during her administration, and attended the conventions held in San Francisco, California, and Fort Worth, Texas, also two Council Meetings, one held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and another in Chicago, Illinois. She also attended the Golden Jubilee Triennial in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in 1941, and the New York Herald Tribune Conference in New York City.

Mrs. Sickles served under two General Federation Presidents, Mrs.

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Saidie Orr Dunbar of Oregon, and Mrs. John L. Whitehurst of Maryland.

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Officers 1940-41: President, Mrs. John Edward Sickles, Flint; First Vice-president, Mrs. John L. Sweetnam, Manistee; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Rex Robert Seeber, Houghton; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Donovan E. Smith, Saint Johns; Financial Secretary, Mrs. H. B. Ihnken, Detroit; Chairman of Finance, Mrs. Gainey Shaw, Flint. District Presidents: Southeastern, Mrs. Fred Gross, Royal Oak; Southwestern, Mrs. M. L. Fear, Plainwell; East Central, Mrs. Fred Cross, Bad Axe; Northeastern, Mrs. Lloyd Wagner, Mount Pleasant; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. E. J. MacMartin, Escanaba; Northwestern, Mrs. W. C. Minthorn, Lake City; West Central, Mrs. Raymond Zwinger, Grand Rapids. Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Official Parliamentarian for 1939-41.



Mrs. John L. Sweetnam

TWENTY-SEVENTH ADMINISTRATION: 1941-1943

MRS. JOHN L. SWEETNAM

PRESIDENT

ESTABLISHING FOUNDATIONS
FOR POST-WAR STRUCTURE

By EDITH V. ALVORD (Mrs. Wm. R.)

MRS. JOHN L. SWEETNAM succeeded Mrs. Sickles as president of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs and came to that office well-prepared to assume these responsibilities. She had served in the various offices in her local club, became president of her District, the Northeastern, and did an especially fine piece of work as chairman of program for Mrs. C. L. Thompson's convention. That was the convention when Michigan was happy to entertain Grace Morrison Poole, President of the General Federation.

Mrs. Sweetnam's outstanding project was the recruitment of nurses. Every club in Michigan was alerted to the importance of giving nursing scholarships, setting a quota of 675, each scholarship being \$250. The second year of her administration was again devoted to war service activities, built around the nurses' scholarship plan. Her convention at Jackson offered a program on the necessity of war service.

Mrs. Sweetnam had adopted as the theme of her administration "Establishing Foundations for Post-War Structure", and in her annual message she said "The European War whether it reaches our shores or not, has already affected our lives tremendously, and will much more so as time goes on. We can never again afford to turn matters back to the European nations, who have so signally failed to bring a lasting peace in the past. We cannot tell what form this governmental structure may take. We can prepare ourselves for it by higher standards of character education, health education, including better nutrition for all our people, true citizenship education, a sympathetic understanding of other peoples' feelings and problems, a tolerance of other peoples' points of view and the determination that never again shall American lives be lost in vain; that the ideals for which these lives were lost in the past may be realized in this future governmental structure."

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Honors came to members active in this administration: Mrs. Fred Cross, second vice-president, received a citation for her selling of Victory bonds in the national campaign; at the General Federation meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, Michigan received first prize for the greatest increase in membership; another project which Mrs. Sweetnam stressed was traffic safety.

Mrs. Sweetnam's second convention was held in Detroit, Mrs. Benjamin Klager of Bay City, chairman, with Mrs. Earl Warner of Detroit as local chairman. The attendance was unusually large. The number of clubs in the Federation had grown to 388, with a membership of nearly 30,000.

Mrs. Sweetnam gave much thought to the development of Junior clubs and their programs. She was a moving force in a Civic Betterment Committee in her home town of Manistee. From that committee grew a plan for park improvement and recreation which has continued since her administration, winning some ten years later a national prize.

Mrs. Sweetnam was fortunate in her officers and chairmen. Her officers were for the year 1941-42, Mrs. Rex Robert Seeber, Houghton, First Vice-president; Mrs. Fred M. Cross, Bad Axe, Second Vice-president; Mrs. Donovan Smith, Saint Johns, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Chester I. Hoffman, South Haven, Financial Secretary; and Mrs. Bernard R. Hendel, Manistee, Chairman of Finance. District presidents: Southeastern, Mrs. Fred R. Gross, Royal Oak; Southwestern, Mrs. Fred C. Curtiss, Charlotte; East Central, Mrs. LeRoy A. Hall, Flint; Northeastern, Mrs. Lloyd Wagner, Mount Pleasant; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. E. J. MacMartin, Escanaba; Northwestern, Mrs. Harry Dodt, Kaleva; West Central, Mrs. Raymond Zwingenberg, Grand Rapids.

Officers for 1942-43: Mrs. Rex Robert Seeber, Houghton, First Vice-president; Mrs. Fred M. Cross, Bad Axe, Second Vice-president; Mrs. Angus N. McDonald, Detroit, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Chester I. Hoffman, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Bernard R. Hendel, Manistee, Chairman of Finance. District Presidents: Southeastern, Mrs. Edgar G. Gordon, Monroe; Southwestern, Mrs. Fred M. Curtiss, Charlotte; East Central, Mrs. William Blessed, Port Huron; Northeastern, Mrs. Carl Taylor, Essexville; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. Joseph Kangery, Ironwood; Northwestern, Mrs. Harry Dodt, Kaleva; West Central, Mrs. W. W. Gumser, Lowell; Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Official Parliamentarian for the administration 1941-43.



Mrs. Rex Robert Seeber

TWENTY-EIGHTH ADMINISTRATION: 1943-1945

MRS. REX ROBERT SEEBER

PRESIDENT

By ESTELLE H. SEEBER (Mrs. R. R.)

THE THEME of my administration "Win the War and Build for Peace" has carried us through dark and fearful days, not by wishful thinking but by coordinated effort, to these days when a partial peace seemed at hand. Plans were made and hopes were high for a proper celebration of our 50th birthday, our Golden Jubilee in 1945. With millions all over the world, we felt that hostilities in Europe would have ceased long since, but with an order from the Office of Defense Transportation came the regulation "No Conventions." Our cue was adjustment to new conditions resulting in the cancellation of the 1945 annual meeting by the Executive Board. I need not say what a great disappointment it was but little in comparison to the disappointment of those of us who have been hoping and praying for an early peace.

Mrs. Luman Seamans was prepared to present a pageant of our fifty years of progress. To her a vote of thanks for her time and effort that we might have a picture of our Federation as a whole.

At the Triennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, held in St. Louis April 24-29, 1944, an amendment to the by-laws was passed eliminating the office of State Director. Thus, for the remainder of my administration I represented the State Federation and voted on matters concerning Federation policies.

Plans were inaugurated by the General Federation for a nationwide Youth Conservation Committee to build a finer future for the youth of our nation. Michigan club women, cooperating with our chairman, Mrs. Ella Gordon Smith and with Governor Kelly's Youth Guidance Committee did a splendid piece of work. Mrs. Smith's plans for handicraft shops have had national recognition. Every city, town, and village should have work shops available for those who could and would use them for leisure hours for the development of knowledge of arts and crafts. Club houses all over the State opened their doors to teen-age and older groups as recreation centers and

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centers where definite instruction was given on a multitude of subjects such as dancing, sewing, knitting, wood work, personal hygiene, cooking, typing, civic responsibilities, art, music, et al.

At the St. Louis convention our nursing scholarship project, reporting approximately \$17,000 made available for accredited student nurses was given second place among the states. Awards were presented 51 clubs for their fine cooperation in the four-phase General Federation program: Recruitment, Scholarship, Nurses Aids, and Home Nursing. National recognition was accorded to 21 women for having recruited five or more students accepted in schools approved by the American Red Cross.

The bond drive from October 15, 1944, to December 31, 1944, was developed by the General Federation in cooperation with the Treasury Department of our government to build a Naval Air Armada. Under the leadership of Mrs. A. S. Tulloch we reported an outstanding accomplishment for we were credited with having bought or sold \$2,583,670 worth of bonds, permitting us to buy:

2 Hell Diver Scout Bombers	\$108,000
2 Corsair Fighters	108,000
4 Hell Cat Fighters	88,500
15 L 5B Stinson Ambulance Planes	150,000

We exceeded our goal by \$1,755,670. By April 3rd total sales amounted to \$3,546,268.75.

The Art Building at Interlochen, sponsored by the Federation, appealed greatly to the women whose prime interest is the welfare and development of the youth of our country. Interlochen has long stood as a symbol of opportunity for those young people whose tendencies show a definite aptitude for music and art.

Mrs. H. C. Hoffmaster, chairman of Art for the Federation, devoted much of her time and talent toward accumulating funds for the erection of a building of field stone in keeping with the present buildings at a cost of \$5,000. You will find in the "Prelude", the National Music Camp Announcement for 1945, a cut of the building which is the contribution of our Federation to the young people of these United States. The building was dedicated on August 22, 1946.

There is not space to tell of all the splendid work done by chairmen all through the State, but because of my particular interest in certain activities I would like to mention the splendid work done by Mrs. A. A. Applegate, Chairman of Legislation, in furthering our interest in the Equal Rights Amendments, the Child Labor Laws,



Flying Fortress purchased by Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs and was in overseas action in World War II

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Public Health Legislation, and many others. We have on several occasions worked together with representatives of the Parent-Teachers Council, the League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women, and the Women's Division of the Council of Churches to further better legislation through coordinated effort.

Mrs. Joseph Kangery, as Chairman of International Relations, most successfully brought to each district interest and stimulation toward further study of the world of today and tomorrow.

The Juniors, guided by Mrs. Joseph Wedekind, for their year's work made layettes for wives of soldiers who needed help.

The Garden Chairman, Miss Ethel Larson, gave inspiration and practical help all through the year. Working closely with the State Department of Gardens she was able to give first-hand information.

Publicity for our Federation with Mrs. A. B. Buchanan as chairman began taking its place in metropolitan as well as rural areas. She has my deepest appreciation for her interest and enthusiastic efforts to keep the Federation before the club women of Michigan.

Of necessity I mention but a few of the state chairmen. Among them there were Mrs. Clyde Bickel's radio programs; Mrs. E. T. Brunson's contacts for the Federation with religious organizations and her splendid work in Religious Education through the clubs; to Miss Elizabeth Warren as Chairman of Adult Education the outstanding project was an experimental program developed under the leadership of the University of Michigan and State Colleges, coordinating with established organizations such as the Grange, Farm Bureau, Parent Teachers' Association, and Women's Clubs. Public meetings were sponsored and discussion developed on local and state problems.

Cooperating with the Michigan State Library, Mrs. A. L. Whiting, chairman of the Library Service, prepared a leaflet called "Something You Can Count On"—which details all the services offered the clubwomen today. She also called attention to the Library Extension Service of the University of Michigan. The list of material available from the General Federation Headquarters Library was printed in the Clubwoman Magazine each month.

Books, magazines and scrap books were sent to Army Hospitals, Service Clubs, Guest Houses and overseas to the youth of the oppressed countries.

Mrs. Robert E. Wayt, chairman of Prose Literature, listed suitable

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reading material for youths and adults which was distributed twice during the year through the President's letters.

In the Department of American Home, Mrs. C. A. Stropaugh, chairman wove into her program the essentials for living, home-making, youth guidance, finance and insurance, recreation, religious training and an over-all education program, coordinating with the programs of individual chairmen throughout the State.

Mrs. Lillian Rathke, chairman of the Americanization Committee, reported our interest was reviving and our attention sharply drawn to the great possibilities of friendship and understanding with the foreign born within our State, particularly those who had not already appreciated the necessity of becoming citizens of their adopted country. Every community must search out and give of themselves, time, effort and attention to these people who need our interest. In isolated areas as well as in the cities, work with the foreign born was done by clubwomen.

Emphasis was again centered on reforestation. Three War Bonds were bought with contributions sent in to the Chairman, Miss Purl Walters, earmarked for planting after the war. Six projects progressed in the Southeastern, Southwestern, East Central, West Central, Northwestern and Upper Peninsula districts, and living war memorials were planned in many communities.

The History of the First Fifty Years of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs was to have been our most important project, and it has been a tremendous effort to unearth many of the records, but the cooperation and enthusiasm of all the contributors will in time make the volume an accomplished fact. To the entire committee I offer my grateful appreciation for their untiring efforts. We hope that through them the Federation will have a written record of accomplishment.

In September 1944 an Advisory Board and Board of Directors meeting was held in Lansing to develop plans for the year to follow. The interest and enthusiasm shown led me to believe that closer coordination throughout our great State can be gained through more frequent Board meetings. Thirty-five members attended the sessions.

I attended and spoke at all seven District meetings in September and October, conducting a President's Conference in five of the Districts to the mutual benefit of the members and the State Officers.

October 13-16 a General Federation Board meeting was held at

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the Waldorf-Astoria in New York where the new President, Mrs. LaFell Dickinson presided. Plans were laid for the three years ahead and definite projects outlined. Mrs. Dickinson's great desire was recreation in the American Home, and closely interwoven with home is the Youth Conservation Program. Following the Board meeting the General Federation delegates were privileged to attend the Herald Tribune Forum.

In December at the call of General Reynolds of the 6th Corps Area, I represented the Federation at a meeting at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, where representatives from 36 women's organizations discussed with leading army officers phases of war work that women could definitely support.

Although distances are great and travelling difficult, I was able to meet many clubs during the ensuing months and was happy to be able to attend the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Detroit Federation of Women's Club held January 25-27, 1945, at the Federation Club House.

On February 8 Emma A. Fox, Parliamentarian and Past President of the State Federation and the oldest living pioneer clubwoman of Michigan, died in Detroit at the advanced age of ninety-seven. Always keenly alive she was interested in all club activities and conducted her parliamentary law classes to within a few weeks of her last illness. Her death is a great loss to the State Federation as well as the General Federation of which she was the official Parliamentarian. For nearly fifty years she served the State Federation as Parliamentarian and conducted classes in Parliamentary law at many State meetings giving to Michigan women a definite working knowledge of the manner in which such groups should be governed. For nearly fifty years the life of Mrs. Fox has been woven into the warp and woof of club life, and it is to her we have dedicated our History.

What will the pattern be for our clubs of the future? The club of tomorrow can no more resemble the club of 1895 than our homes and churches or life as a whole can resemble those of fifty years ago.

Clubwomen have shown by ready adjustment to war conditions a sense of appreciation of the fitness of things by facing squarely the needed changes. There will come more and more changes, and if clubs are to live, the weaving of new patterns must begin. Women, the home makers, the mothers of the coming generations, the leaders of community life, must carry the burden of accomplishment.

We have entered the second fifty years of our growth, and for

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you, who represent the women of Michigan, I urge continued effort that on our 100th birthday we may have built wisely and well on the foundations laid by those whose success we honor today.

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Officers for 1944-45 were: President, Mrs. Rex Robert Seeber, Houghton; First Vice-president, Mrs. Fred M. Cross, Bad Axe; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Arthur Wilson Bruce, Traverse City; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Chester I. Hoffman, South Haven; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Bernard R. Hendel, Manistee; Chairman of Finance, Mrs. Herman A. Wieder, Houghton. District Presidents: Southeastern, Mrs. Paul H. Ehman, Ypsilanti; Southwestern, Mrs. W. A. Krenerick, Albion; East Central, Mrs. Chester Graham, Cass City; Northeastern, Mrs. Stanley Stealy, Grayling; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. Charles H. Brennan, Marquette; Northwestern, Mrs. Harry W. Jones, Muskegon; West Central, Mrs. Leo U. Davis, Howard City; Official Parliamentarian, Mrs. Oscar H. Kloeppel, Detroit.



Mrs. Fred M. Cross

TWENTY-NINTH ADMINISTRATION: 1945-1947

MRS. FRED M. CROSS

PRESIDENT

LIVE INTELLIGENTLY

By CHRISTINE M. CROSS (Mrs. Fred M.)

EACH PRESIDENT wishes to carry through the work of our State Federation of Women's Clubs without interruption and with a continuation of interest and advancement, in keeping with the times. Each is aware that with the honor comes responsibility, therefore we try to serve well.

The news of the death of President Roosevelt was in every paper the morning following my election in 1945. At the request of the Michigan Radio Network, the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs was to present a tribute to the late President the following day, appropriate music to be furnished. Mrs. Clyde E. Bickel, Chairman of Radio, and the president after hours of preparation gave the requested program. It was recorded at the studio, printed and a copy sent to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

A fifteen minute radio program was on the air every Saturday during my terms of office. It was a fine way to offer suitable programs and on occasions there would be something given by the president, the chairman or one of the officers.

We worked with the State Department in an effort to develop Youth Guidance, Home and Family Week, and various Adult Education projects.

The first Board meeting of a new administration is held at the close of the annual convention. County conventions held each spring are followed by the Adult Education Institute, in the beautiful building, "Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies". Ann Arbor is a delightful city in May which enhances the joy of working with the University of Michigan during these sessions. Ours covered the 15th and 16th years, each year showing a slight increase. During these days, while lectures cover a wide range of subjects, there is always time for fellowship. An informal dinner, luncheons and teas are also included.

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During early June of each year, there were meetings of the Board of Directors, Advisory Board, and Finance Committee. It was then we planned our work for the coming year. We went over the outlines, our financial affairs and checked our planned budget. The chairmen, district and state officers, and committees gave their carefully written plans to the secretary.

The president and vice-president issued two publications, Spring and Autumn Publications, in good magazine form. Club presidents received these magazines which included reports of the "General Federation Board Meeting", "International Assembly of Women", "United Nations Assembly," and the "Herald Tribune Conference."

A Year Book is issued each club year, in which can be found answers to many questions. Each carried a list of the General Federation officers, the Department chairmen, the General Federation President's letter, the State Federation President's letter, annual reports, by-laws, complete listing of all clubs with a directory covering all departments of work.

State Federation Fine Arts Building was the dream of our State Art Chairman, Mrs. H. C. Hoffmaster, Traverse City. The former Board voted to take this as a state project. Mrs. Hoffmaster was listed as the Architect and Builder. The first stone was placed in June 1945, it was my pleasure to visit the Interlochen Music Camp near Traverse City on a number of occasions during the time of construction. The president was allowed to place a stone on two occasions and judging from the quantity of cement used, I am sure the building will stand for a great many years.

During the summer of 1946, a busy chairman and the officers continued gathering funds for this Fine Arts Building at Interlochen. When the building reached a state of completion which the members of the camp could not resist—THEY MOVED IN! We found them holding classes in the building. We then used more effort and decided it would be best to arrange for the dedication of the project and present it to the Camp.

The building was dedicated August 22, 1946, and presented to the National Music Camp at Interlochen for the promotion of the Fine Arts and to provide a vocational center for young and old. Over \$10,000.00 was spent on the building to stand as a fine contribution to education by the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs.

The women pleased with their well arranged Fine Arts Program (arranged for the dedication by the Music Camp), the Art Building

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and the Dedication, voted to have a tea on the location every summer.

"A Conservation School" for club women and their friends was planned and voted in 1947 (with the consent of the new president), the first to be held at the Higgins Lake Camp. This was a two day school including field trips and lectures.

Another project, a Federation State Chorus, was carried forward by our Chairman of Music, Mrs. Samuel H. Werner. Her work was a success and succeeding years we have had the pleasure of hearing the small community groups compete for a prize, followed by the entire group singing selected numbers. Imagine our surprise and pleasure to have one of our members send us music and lyric entitled "Live Intelligently" the theme for our administration! A Music Award Cup was given to Mrs. Cynthia Dodge Crawford for this nice piece of work.

The "Pigeon Scholarship Loan Fund" for student nurses was placed in Harper Hospital, Detroit. We are always in the nursing scholarship project and have a list of sixty-eight students either in training or in the field. We have this as a continuous chairmanship, and hold funds at all times available for accredited student nurses.

We placed a "Student Loan Fund" in Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, for a satisfactory amount. We are sure this loan fund will be helpful.

A "Wayne University Student Loan Fund" was placed in Detroit. This was also completed to a very satisfactory amount and will be in demand due to the many and varied classes, evening as well as day.

These are new and lasting contributions of the Federation official family, ably assisted by our willing helpers, the entire membership. Thirty-six new clubs joined during these years, aiding the success of each united effort.

The Penny Art Fund has a record of having had its best year during this administration. \$475 was added to the Reforestation Project, which already had a credit of over a million pines in this area covering a thousand and eighty acres of planting. The sale of U. S. Government bonds under the direction of Mrs. A. S. Tulloch, Grand Marais, amounted to millions.

During this period we were adopting foreign children, sending goods and supplies to other lands. Rehabilitation work of providing clothing and other items for Goodwill Industries amounted to tons of helpful materials, enabling the handicapped persons to help themselves.

An effort was made to attend as many group meetings as possible

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and the District Conventions called for driving over three thousand miles each autumn. The long drives over good roads bordered with the finest of October coloring were something to be remembered. The thousands of women one meets were ever gracious, proving by their year's accomplishments how helpful club women are in carrying through the work at hand for themselves and the entire group. Such help and encouragement as a state president can give, is her contribution at these meetings.

The State Convention was held in Detroit each year. The speakers included national officers and General Federation candidates, as well as outside speakers and our Michigan women. Awards were given for Safety, Fine Arts, Drama, Prose Literature and Music. The conventions consisted of one half day given to committee and Board meetings covering a wide range, followed by an 'open' Advisory Board Meeting in the evening—here all reports were given. The State Federation Chorus concluded the meeting.

Registration continued from 9:30 in the morning through the afternoon. The president gave a tea in the afternoon of the opening day of each convention to aid better fellowship throughout the meeting. The Juniors had their dinner on the first night and the State Federation Past Presidents' Club held their annual meeting and dinner before the Advisory Board Meeting.

The official opening was planned for the following morning and the usual convention program was carried through the day, evening and the following day ending with a tea served to delegates and visitors. This tea was in honor of the State Federation officers, courtesy of the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs.

The annual conventions terminated each club year, both held at the Book-Cadillac, Detroit, Mrs. H. O. Paul acting as Program Chairman and Mrs. James Walsh as Local Chairman. It being post war time, it was a joy to meet again. The ALL STATE DINNER at each Convention was a pleasure for all; we were pleased to have our Michigan author and poet, Edgar A. Guest, at both of these, adding a real treat for our delegates and friends.

A president's report is not hers alone, it is an effort to give a summary of the work accomplished by those chosen to officiate for a given time, an effort to show how a membership of about 30,000 women can work together for the good of the whole membership and enjoy doing it. So with the hope this feeling will follow through the coming years, as spokesman for my Board I wish to say we have

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found our Michigan women a fine group, successful because of their united effort.

The Board of Directors for 1945-46 were President, Mrs. Fred M. Cross, Bad Axe; First Vice-president, Mrs. A. W. Bruce, Traverse City; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Joseph Kangery, Ironwood; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Chester I. Hoffman, South Haven; Financial Secretary, Mrs. J. Howard Ecker, Bay City; Chairman of Finance, Mrs. H. O. Paul, Pigeon. District Presidents: Southeastern, Mrs. Paul H. Ehman, Ypsilanti; Southwestern, Mrs. A. B. Leonard, Kalamazoo; East Central, Mrs. Chester L. Graham, Cass City; Northwestern, Mrs. Stanley Stealy, Grayling; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. Charles A. Brennan, Marquette; Northwestern, Mrs. Wallace F. Henry; West Central, Mrs. Leo U. Davis, Greenville. Mrs. William R. Alvord served as official parliamentarian.

For 1946-47 the Board of Directors consisted of President, Mrs. Fred M. Cross, Bad Axe; First Vice-president, Mrs. A. W. Bruce, Traverse City; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Joseph Kangery, Ironwood; Recording Secretary, Mrs. William O. Merrill, Bloomfield Hills; Financial Secretary, Mrs. J. Howard Ecker, Bay City; Chairman of Finance, Mrs. H. O. Paul, Pigeon. District Presidents: Southeastern, Mrs. John McPhail, Adrian; Southwestern, Mrs. A. B. Leonard, Kalamazoo; East Central, Mrs. John Ritsema, Sebawaing; Northeastern, Mrs. Robert Nensewitz, Alpena; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. Clyde Urquhart, Ironwood; Northwestern, Mrs. Wallace F. Henry, Big Rapids; West Central, Mrs. Roland Chrispell, Grand Rapids. Mrs. William R. Alvord, Detroit, served as official parliamentarian.



Dedicated August 22, 1946



Mrs. Arthur Wilson Bruce

THIRTIETH ADMINISTRATION: 1947-1949

MRS. ARTHUR WILSON BRUCE

PRESIDENT

TODAY'S WORLD—A CONTINUING CHALLENGE

By JEAN MCINTYRE BRUCE (Mrs. A. W.)

WRITE A HISTORY of my administration? That is a difficult assignment, for a history means facts and figures, and recalling my two years, so many memories crowd into my mind, vying for top rating. To me, the friendliness felt throughout the state, the efficiency and cooperation of my board and chairmen, and the graciousness and willingness of the clubwomen in carrying through our programs and projects, mean the most; and perhaps is the reason we do have facts and figures, the real history, to record now.

The theme of my administration was "Today's World—a Continuing Challenge."

The official family for the administration was: 1947-48, President, Mrs. Arthur Wilson Bruce, Traverse City; First Vice-president, Mrs. Joseph Kangery, Ironwood; Second Vice-president, Mrs. William O. Merrill, Bloomfield Hills; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. Howard Ecker, Bay City; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Harold O. Paul, Pigeon; Chairman of Finance, Mrs. Malcolm D. MacQueen, Detroit. District Presidents: Southeastern, Mrs. John McPhail, Adrian; Southwestern, Mrs. C. E. Walker, Sturgis; East Central, Mrs. John Ritsema, Sebewaing; Northeastern, Mrs. Robert Nensewitz, Alpena; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. Robert McClure, Calumet; Northeastern, Mrs. Myrle E. Tageson, Ludington; West Central, Mrs. John J. Kistler, Grand Haven, Parliamentarian, Mrs. William R. Alvord, Detroit.

1948-49 officers were President, Mrs. Arthur Wilson Bruce, Traverse City; First Vice-president, Mrs. Joseph Kangery, Ironwood; Second Vice-president, Mrs. William O. Merrill, Bloomfield Hills; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. Howard Ecker, Bay City; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Harold O. Paul, Pigeon; Chairman of Finance, Mrs. Malcolm D. MacQueen, Detroit; Parliamentarian, Mrs. William R. Alvord, Detroit. District Presidents: Southeastern, Mrs. Robert L.

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Crary, Jackson; Southwestern, Mrs. C. E. Walker, Sturgis; East Central, Mrs. A. R. Schlichter, Marlette; Northeastern, Mrs. E. C. Beck, Mount Pleasant; Upper Peninsula (First Vice-president) Mrs. Francis P. Furlong, Newberry; Northwestern, Mrs. Myrle E. Tageson, Ludington; West Central, Mrs. John J. Kistler, Grand Haven.

Our June board meetings were held in Bay City in 1947, the following year in Saginaw, when our chairmen submitted their plans, projects and contests. These were presented through the pages of our Spring or Autumn Publication, which also included other current information of importance.

We wish space permitted us to tell of our many activities and accomplishments, but here are only a few. Seven Nursing Scholarships of \$250.00 each were awarded, with a balance of \$996.89. Our Loan Fund for nurses was increased to over \$200.00 and was in constant use, as were our seven Scholarship Funds in our colleges and university. Our first Foreign Scholarship Fund, to be used at Michigan State, was given by Detroit New Century, a wonderful addition to our educational funds. Food, clothing and funds were given for foreign relief, and many foreign children were "adopted" by payment for their food, clothing and schooling. Our clubwomen have corresponded with women in foreign lands, and have regularly sent school supplies, food and clothing. Kalamazoo "adopted" an entire city in France. In 1948-49, we had seven exchange teachers, located in Midland, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Niles and Highland Park, and our members invited them into their homes, asked them to speak at meetings, and made gifts of money so these teachers could travel and learn more about our country. Large contributions were given the Save the Children Federation,—27,000 pounds of food, and 30,000 pounds of clothing were given by one small community. Large contributions were also given to Goodwill Industries and the Needlework Guild.

Our Juniors in 1947-48, raised \$500.00 for children in the Philippines, and in 1948-1949 raised an equal amount for care of crippled children. Speaking of Juniors, Michigan was the first state to elect a Junior to a State Federation office.

Our members took an active interest in the March of Dimes, the Red Cross, also the Cancer Membership campaign. This important work against cancer was pioneered by women's clubs, and may we mention the fine work of the Cancer Detection Clinic, sponsored by the Detroit Federation. Starr Commonwealth, Boy and Girl

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Scouts, other youth groups and youth recreational programs received the active support and financial aid of our women.

Nor was all of our work along the lines of community service and welfare. Our Division of Art and Penny Art Fund under Mrs. Roland DeBruyn did especially fine work. The Penny Art Fund reached a new high, \$965.22 and the First Professional Artists' Exhibit with more than 100 entries was held at our Michigan State Federation of Women's Club Fine Arts Building at Interlochen. Three pictures, chosen by written ballot, were purchased with money from the Penny Art Fund, as was the pen and ink drawing of Mrs. Fox for a total of \$650.00 and these pictures formed the nucleus of our Traveling Art Collection. Our chairman, Mrs. DeBruyn was awarded the Gold Seal of the American Artists' Professional League for outstanding service in the promotion of American Arts and Crafts through American Art Week. This year also marked the completion of our Fine Arts Building with its furnishings through gifts of clubwomen and friends under the untiring efforts of our building chairman, Mrs. H. C. Hoffmaster. Our second and third anniversary teas in our Fine Arts Building were thoroughly enjoyed by several hundred women from all sections of the state.

In September 1947, we held our Conservation Workshop at the State Conservation School at Higgins Lake, the first such workshop in the United States to be sponsored by a state federation. Conservation Workshops for Teachers with clubwomen also attending were planned. Lenawee County Federation conducted a most successful one at Adrian with nearly 200 attending; and the Acme Women's Club sponsored one at Gilbert Lodge, Twin Lakes, near Traverse City. Another summer activity was our annual Institute of Adult Education, held in the Rackham Building on the University campus.

Our All State Chorus was well established, grew in both size and quality, and how we enjoyed their singing at both state conventions. The Federation Song contest brought forth real talent as did our Play Writing contest, and I believe this is the first time an award winning play was presented at a state convention. In 1948, "Luncheon at One" by Grace Olsen Kistler was given, and the following year "Fruit Salad" also by Mrs. Kistler. Another outstanding feature at that convention was "White Peace—a Fantasy" written by Clare Kyler Hagey and directed by Treesa Way Merrill.

One of our greatest thrills came at our General Federation in Hollywood, Florida, when Michigan received three recognitions

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which I was proud to accept for the women who were honored. "Honorable Mention" was given to Mrs. Kistler, Grand Haven Woman's Club, in the Play Writing Contest, for her play, "Fruit Salad." "Third Honorable Mention" was given Mrs. Charles Mobly, Flint Sorosis Club for her entry "Women of America." Also Michigan was one of three states recognized because we more than doubled our Penny Art Fund.

Our magazine chairman reported over 150 new subscriptions to "The Clubwoman, GFWC" the second year. Most noteworthy was our series of radio programs, with our chairman, Mrs. Clyde E. Bickel, presenting key persons discussing current issues. These were our 8th and 9th year on the air over a network of 11 stations, a record unequalled by any other state federation.

In 1947-48, we welcomed 32 new clubs, including 5 Junior clubs with a membership of 1,101. In 1948-49, we welcomed 36 more clubs with 1,363 members, also the Greenville City Federation with seven clubs, the Sturgis Federation with six clubs, and the Michigan Women's Osteopathic Auxiliary with a membership of 374—a membership gain of 68 clubs exclusive of those in associated or affiliated membership.

We all were so happy that all of the records of our Federation available were bound during this administration and are in the permanent files in Lansing. Our Committee on Records, Past Presidents Mesdames Hunter, Knapp and Warner, have our deep appreciation for completing this important and exacting work.

One of our main projects was to complete the Fox Federation Foundation Fund. In connection with this project, and because of the fact that Mrs. Fox's book on Parliamentary Usage had been chosen as one of the 100 books to be translated into Japanese and used in the re-education of Japan, our Federation had made a Friendship Book which would be sent to the clubwomen of Japan as a token of international goodwill and friendship. This book was beautifully bound in blue morrocco, hand tooled in gold, and contained letters of greeting from Mrs. J. L. Blair Buck, our General Federation President, your President, and Vice-presidents and several others, also the signatures of several thousand clubwomen. This unique idea was carried through by our chairman, Mrs. John Ware Griffin and her committee.

It was a pleasure to represent our Federation on several committees, among them the Michigan Safety Council, the United Health

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and Welfare Committee, and attend policy forming meetings of both groups in Lansing. I was also a member of the State Committee on Psychiatric Nursing, the committee of the North Central School for Practical Nurse Education, and met frequently with various committees from other state organizations working on state wide projects. We also attended the General Federation Conventions in New York City and Portland, Oregon; the board meetings in Washington, and the Upper Mississippi Valley Conference in Chicago, taking an active part on the program at each one.

We like to think that this administration added strength and stability to the firm foundation that has been builded through more than fifty years, so that the structure of our Federation will continue to grow in power, influence and usefulness. Our work is never finished. As we carry out one phase of work, another arises, perhaps more important, more helpful, more challenging, and we carry on, always building, remembering that living in "Today's World is a Continuing Challenge.



Mrs. Joseph Kangery

THIRTY-FIRST ADMINISTRATION: 1949-1951

MRS. JOSEPH KANGERY

PRESIDENT

THE MID-CENTURY ADMINISTRATION

By HELEN KANGERY (Mrs. Joseph)

THE THEME of this administration was "Building for Peace and Freedom" with emphasis on citizenship responsibilities in communities, in the state, nation and world. A citation was received by the Michigan Federation at the Boston convention, in 1950, for accomplishment in the Legislative Department. Clubs were encouraged to study and act upon legislation on the state and national level. 80% of the clubs had citizenship programs; a large increase was reported in 100% vote clubs; over 4,000 leaflets on "Get Out the Vote" were distributed in the state; attention was focused on emergency problems related to Civil Defense; and the citizenship committee promoted a program of teaching American History in public schools and colleges.

THE BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY CONTEST sponsored by the General Federation had 83 entries from the Michigan Federation with a total membership of 7,665 members who worked to build and improve their neighborhoods, towns and cities. Various community improvement projects—according to the needs of the individual locality were reported. Clubs were classified according to membership and winners were: Group 1, Lakeside Woman's Club and Lakeside Juniors; Group 2, Vermontville Woman's Club; Group 3, the Philomathean Club, Marlette, which also won the sweepstakes award of 100 dollars. A brief review of all entries appeared in the University of Michigan "Extension News". Judges were professors from the University.

The Edith Alvord Award was created for work in International Relations. The nucleus for an International Relations scholarship was set up. Clothing was sent to needy children in Europe; candles, school supplies, books and magazines were sent to Korea; toys to Bavaria for refugee children; and letter writing to women of other lands was encouraged.

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The AMERICAN HOME Department prepared scrap books on life in American homes which were sent to women in other lands as a friendship gesture. This department emphasized family relations and spiritual values; advocated a Family Night at Home once a week. Youth conservation committees developed youth centers in many communities; a keen interest was taken by clubs in the White House Conference on Youth. Emphasis was placed on Mental Health and "Employ the Handicap" week was observed. Club women contributed to the March of Dimes, Cancer, Heart and Crippled Children funds.

A state wide project begun and completed in this administration was the building of a cottage at Interlochen known as the Art Scholarship Lodge, at a cost of \$2,200, paid for through contributions to the Penny Art Fund. The revenue from the rentals of the lodge to be used each summer—for many years—for an art scholarship to be given to a high school student from Michigan winning the Federation art contest, set up in this administration. Enough money was raised in the Penny Art Fund to purchase three additional pictures for the Traveling Art Exhibit which was in constant demand; namely, Sand Dunes Near Ludington, Michigan Farm House, and Early Spring,



Art Scholarship Lodge

all by Michigan artists. And through the generosity of the H. C. Hoffmaster family, Traverse City, the final payment of \$1,200 was made on the Fine Arts Building at Interlochen.

For the first time GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY Clubs were honored at the convention in Detroit, in 1950. Specially designed and printed gold certificates were presented to 70 clubs in recognition of 50 years of continuous membership and service in the Federation. Thirty-eight clubs, one City federation and one County federation had been members in the state since 1895, twelve clubs came in a year later,

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six during 1897, four during 1898, six in 1899 and two in 1900. The Gold Certificates emphasized the value of continuous membership and appreciation for a half century of faithful and loyal service. In club extension the application blank was revised and printed. A leaflet "Why Federate" was prepared and printed for prospective clubs. Thirty new clubs joined the Federation; twelve dropped because of the increase in General Federation dues from 15 to 25 cents per capita. The state dues remained the same at 10 cents per capita. The Junior Department increased 20% in membership.

The JUNIOR DEPARTMENT reported that 81% of their clubs were active in youth conservation; 99% in community service; 54% worked constructively in the field of citizenship and legislation. The Crippled Children's Fund was the state wide project to which \$977 was contributed. For the first time in the history of the General Federation the Junior Chairmen were invited as observers to the General Federation Board meeting held in New York. The Michigan Junior Chairman attended the meeting.

In the Fine Arts Department there was increased interest in all the contests with 77 entries submitted in the poetry contest. A new award, the Helen Kangery poetry rotating award was instituted. In music there was an increase in the number of choruses competing for state honors; and musical efforts were encouraged through scholarships.

ADULT EDUCATION INSTITUTES were held both years at the University of Michigan and Conservation Workshops at Higgins Lake. At the Adult Education Institutes such topics as nuclear energy, television, economic future, medical developments and trends in architecture were discussed.

For the first time \$10,000 of the Emma Fox Fund was invested in Government Bonds and the first interest of \$250 was prorated to Department and Division Chairman to help defray in part the expenses of carrying on their work. The recommendation was also made to reduce the Emma Fox Federation Foundation Fund from \$20,000 to \$15,000; and to change the name to Emma Fox Departmental Fund.

The records of the Federation survived the disastrous Fire at the State Library where they had been stored in steel cabinets.

A President's Bulletin issued from the office of the president kept the clubs informed on Federation matters. This was a quarterly bulletin. The first year the Fall and Spring Publications were sent to all

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clubs. The second year Outlines of Work were printed in packet form early in the fall for easy distribution by club presidents; and in the spring the Spring Publication carried valuable information for use of clubs. A commentary sheet on the Traveling Art Exhibit was prepared; a leaflet on Art Loan Collections available in Michigan was printed and another on Qualifications and Procedure for Nursing Scholarships; three leaflets on Program Suggestions were printed for club presidents, and were in great demand.

Resolutions presented at the two state conventions were: State Aid to Hospitals and School Buildings, Mental Hospitals, Sex Deviates, Collective Action against Aggressors by the United Nations, Civil Defense, Revision of Electoral College System, Genocide Convention, Excise Taxes, Reorganization Plan (Hoover Commission) and Health Services.

As a member of the General Federation Board of Directors the president attended the 58th annual convention, in Hollywood, Florida and the 59th, in Boston; represented the Michigan Federation at the Upper Mississippi Valley Conference in St. Louis in 1950 and Marshalltown, Iowa, in 1951 where she appeared on a two hour forum at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York in 1949. The theme of the forum was "What Kind of Government Ahead—The Responsibility of every Citizen". General Dwight Eisenhower gave the opening address and Governor Adlai Stevenson of Illinois spoke at one of the sessions. The president also attended two Board meetings—in 1949 in New York City and in 1950 in Washington, D.C.

She represented the Michigan State Federation at a number of conferences; at the Cancer Conference held October 1949 the first of its kind in Michigan, the Michigan Rural Health Conference in 1950, the Laymen's Conference on Nursing, Careers in Nursing, Workshop on Student Nurses Recruitment, Citizens Conference on Education, League of Women Voters, meeting of the United States Treasury Department for Michigan Bond Drive, the American Legion Seminar on Subversive Activities, the Michigan White House Conference on Children and Youth, the Great Lakes Regional Conference of Girl Scouts and the Michigan Safety Commission.

The president served as a State Advisor on Women's Activities for the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, a member of the Michigan Citizens Education Committee for Mental Health and T.B. Patients, a member of the Pan-Pacific Woman's Association, the Crusade for Freedom headed by General Lucius Clay, and was ap-

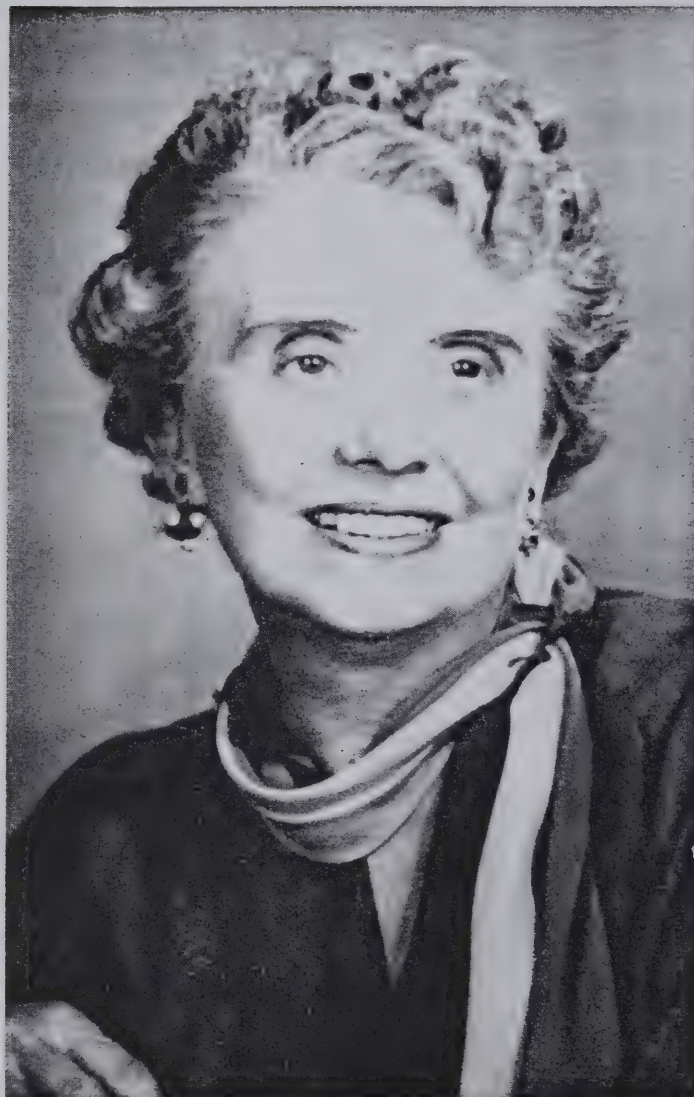
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pointed by the Governor a member of the Advisory Committee on an Academy for the Air Force in Michigan.

In 1950 the state convention was held in Detroit, while the 1951 convention was in Newberry in the Upper Peninsula. This was the second time in the history of the Federation that club women crossed the Straits for their annual meeting.

The officers elected in Detroit to serve for 1949-50 were: President, Mrs. Joseph Kangery, Ironwood; First Vice-president, Mrs. William O. Merrill, Bloomfield Hills; Second Vice-president, Mrs. John J. Kistler, Grand Haven; Recording Secretary, Miss Helen Harris, Detroit; Financial Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Walker, Sturgis; Chairman of Finance, Mrs. Charles A. Brennan, Marquette. District Presidents were Mrs. Robert Crary, Jackson; Southwestern, Mrs. Howard Abbott, Reading; East Central, Mrs. A. R. Schlichter, Marlette; Northeastern, Mrs. E. C. Beck, Mount Pleasant; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. Francis P. Furlong, Newberry; Northwestern, Mrs. Myron V. Gleason, Traverse City; West Central, Mrs. Arthur German, Lyons.

For 1950-51, the officers were re-elected. The District presidents were: Southeastern, Mrs. Jess Allen, Howell, Southwestern, Mrs. Howard Abbott, Reading; East Central, Mrs. Ernest Rockafellow, Flint; Northeastern, Mrs. E. J. Mier, West Branch; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. Francis P. Furlong, Newberry; Northwestern, Mrs. Myron V. Gleason, Traverse City; West Central, Mrs. Arthur German, Lyons. Mrs. William R. Alvord, Detroit, served as official parliamentarian both terms.



Mrs. William O. Merrill

THIRTY-SECOND ADMINISTRATION: 1951-1953

MRS. WILLIAM O. MERRILL

PRESIDENT

LOOK AHEAD WITH YOUTH

By TREESA WAY MERRILL (Mrs. William O.)

IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE that this administration presents this HISTORY OF THE MICHIGAN STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS. It has been most difficult to assemble the precious material found within these covers. To the Chairman, Mrs. Arthur Ernest Maw and her committee members, Mrs. William R. Alvord and Mrs. George G. Hunter assisted by the Former State Presidents we give our heartfelt thanks. We consider this one of the major accomplishments of this administration.

At the beginning of the year, April 1951, we had certain ideals and plans. Open hearts and minds have given us much success.

First, we needed a magazine,—one with a wide educational and informational scope. *Inside Michigan* published by Mr. Arthur A. Hagman came to our attention. A magazine on ENLIGHTENMENT ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS and taking a stand on the highest standards in reporting, *Inside Michigan* has caught the interest of thousands of clubwomen and the publisher has now granted the Federation two pages in each issue as a supplement dealing with Federation ideals and affairs. Of the three dollar subscription we are allowed \$1.20 which is divided into expense of the subscription campaign, General Fund, and the establishing of a GIRLSTOWN in Michigan. GIRLSTOWN is to be a place where the "not-so-delinquent" girl may find refuge and help. In 1951-52 \$1,400 was placed in the General Fund, and \$7,000 in the GIRLSTOWN Fund. Gifts have also been made to the GIRLSTOWN Fund, bringing it up to \$12,000. It is the aim and hope of the Board of this administration to establish a unit of GIRLSTOWN before the end of the Federation year.

To these great projects, the History, the Magazine, and GIRLSTOWN, has been added the fine work of the International Relations Department. In 1951-52 nine thousand dollars was sent through

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CARE to Korea, a General Federation project. This year, 1952-53, the International Relations Department planned and carried out twenty-two United Nations Institutes in all seven districts of Michigan, bringing Mrs. Howard Richardson of New York, and General Federation Chairman of United Nations at the Community level, to lecture and hold forums.

Two thousand dollars was allocated from interest on the Lucinda Stone Educational Loan Fund to foreign students, Michiko Ota of Tokyo, and Kelong Pabhavasit of Thailand.

Fourteen new clubs came in through the Extension Department in 1951-52 and legislation on Narcotics and Sex Deviation was sponsored.

The highlight of 1952 was the election of Mrs. R. I. C. Prout as second vice-president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. We look forward to her presidency in 1957. Mrs. Prout was elected in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

A Quarterly Bulletin has been issued both years by the President who has been able to carry out her absorbing ideal of contacting personally every club belonging to the federation. To do this it was planned to invite clubs in a given area to meet to hear the president and consider State and General Federation affairs and projects. The president traveled 35,000 miles driving her own car through January First, 1953. This effort has given the greatest satisfaction because of greater understanding of our organization and its projects.

A survey of work done by the individual club in Michigan shows that even the smallest groups can be a power for good. One small club put on a campaign which built and furnished a hospital; several have sponsored and equipped libraries; funds raised for Crippled Children and Homes for the Aged; assistance in equipment, gifts, programs given in Veterans' Hospitals and a great campaign put on to GET-OUT-THE-VOTE in this election year.

The General Federation Theme is "Our American Heritage" and the Michigan State Federation Theme is "Look Ahead With Youth; Survey and Action." We have found through survey that hundreds of teen-age girls are without homes, training and care; that delinquency is on the increase and that private and institutional care is inadequate. We hope to answer the call of Juvenile Judges and courts and social workers by establishing a GIRLSTOWN in Michigan, and to aid young women through scholarships in educational and nursing

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fields to fulfill their ambitions to become independent and an asset to their communities.

This year we are sponsoring Teachers' Training in Conservation at Higgins Lake, put on by the Michigan State College, and many contests in Art and Music. It is the aim of this administration to follow through on the constructive efforts of those presidents and clubwomen whose reports precede this, and to add strength and power to the efforts to bring peace to our country and the world—for the sake of the children.

The Junior clubwomen of Michigan have taken GIRLSTOWN for their State project, while continuing their work to collect stamps for Veterans. A Manual has been issued for use and guidance of members. They are following the plans of the General Federation Juniors in their new divisions—Americanism, Youth Cooperation, Family Councils, and Moral and Spiritual Values. The Junior Chairman Mary M. Bush quotes our General Federation President in her letter to Juniors,—

"God give me sympathy and sense
And help me keep my courage high
God give me calm and confidence
And please—a twinkle in my eye!"

and we join in with gratitude for the good things of the past and joy in the opportunities in the future.

THE CONFERENCE-CONVENTION of the State Federation held in Kellogg Center at Michigan State College the week of April 14th settled many questions and brought to completion the aims of this administration. First, over \$16000 has been earned for the establishing of a Girlstown in Michigan, and Mrs. Mildred Bennett, social worker, of Pontiac, Michigan, employed as consultant director. She is to find a site for the first unit of Girlstown, and suggest and help to carry out future plans. This is indeed the first step to carry out the great work for the "not-so-delinquent" girl.

Another step of great importance was the completion of the Fox Departmental Fund by paying to it the final amount of less than three hundred dollars from the general fund, thus making it possible to put an additional five thousand dollars into U.S. Bonds. These will be bought by the treasurer, Mrs. Malcolm D. MacQueen. The whole amount of bonds in this departmental fund will then be \$15,000, the interest to be used for departmental work.

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The dues were raised to fifty cents per capita which will break down into \$.25 for the State dues and \$.25 for the General Federation.

The largest registration, 817 was reported. The meeting being a series of clinics and conferences on International Relations, Radio and Television, Conservation of Natural Resources, State Press and Publicity, Program Planning, Economic Security, and Health.

A Panel of college students presented "Look Ahead With Youth" at the opening session and closed the whole conference with another panel on what Youth needs from an organization such as ours.

The prayer written by the president, Mrs. Wm. O. Merrill closed the session, as we wish to have it close this History as submitted to our membership this May, 1953.

Let me attain full stature,
Let me think of others
And glory in their success.
Let me be a good member of my group and my church
Not leaving the work for others to do.
Give me wisdom and love.
My life is but a day
May I not despoil it.
Use me O God, I pray.

Board of Directors for 1951-52 were: President, Mrs. William O. Merrill Bloomfield Hills; First Vice-president, Mrs. John J. Kistler, Grand Haven; Second Vice-president, Mrs. C. E. Walker, Sturgis; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Nuel N. Donley, Big Rapids; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Maurice Dunsford, Marlette; Treasurer, Mrs. Malcolm D. MacQueen, Detroit; Junior Club Woman, Mrs. Richard G. Bush, Royal Oak. District Presidents: Southeastern District, Mrs. Jess Allen, Howell; Southwestern District, Mrs. Marc Squier, Middleville; East Central District, Mrs. Ernest Rockafellow, Flint; Northeastern District, Mrs. E. J. Mier, West Branch; Upper Peninsula District, Mrs. Harry Mertins, Iron River; Northwestern District, Mrs. Homer Hollister, Shelby; West Central District, Mrs. Manning Bross, Saint Johns.

Board of Directors for 1952-53 were: President, Mrs. William O. Merrill, Bloomfield Hills; First Vice-president, Mrs. John J. Kistler, Grand Haven; Second Vice-president, Mrs. C. E. Walker, Sturgis; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Nuel N. Donley, Big Rapids; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Robert Cermak, Midland; Treasurer, Mrs. Malcolm D. MacQueen, Detroit; Chairman of Junior Club Women, Mrs.

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Richard G. Bush, Royal Oak. District Presidents: Southeastern, Mrs. Zaio Woodford Schroeder, Grosse Pointe; Southwestern, Mrs. Marc Squier, Middleville; East Central, Mrs. George Peterson, Fenton; Northeastern, Mrs. George MacKay, Ossineke; Upper Peninsula, Mrs. Harry Mertins, Iron River; Northwestern, Mrs. Homer Hollister, Shelby; West Central, Mrs. Manning Bross, Saint Johns. Mrs. William R. Alvord, Detroit, served as official parliamentarian both terms.



Helen B. Harris



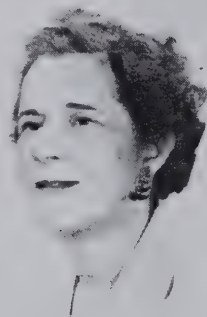
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JUNIOR CLUB WOMEN MARCH AHEAD

By EDITH V. ALVORD (Mrs. William R.) 1922-1932

Past President Michigan Federation

and

EVELYN YONKER ARNOLD (Mrs. James Jr.) 1933-1953

Historian—Member Muskegon and Muskegon Heights Junior Clubs

IT WAS AT THE BIENNIAL CONVENTION of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, held in Chautauqua, New York, in 1922 that club women began talking about Junior membership. Credit is given to Florence Dibert, Johnstown, Pa. for kindling the idea into action, with the result that delegates went home determined to develop Junior membership. How build a membership? What kind of program would be best? Should there be more Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Girl Reserves, or something entirely different? No one knew the answers, but each one was aiming to find out. Among the Michigan delegates were Mrs. Harry M. Robins, Mrs. Dorian M. Russell, the about-to-be president of the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. William R. Alvord, the about-to-retire State President. There was so much discussion by these three delegates that it seemed natural for Mrs. Russell when she became State President the following October to create a committee on Junior Membership with Mrs. Robins as chairman.

Mrs. Robins decided to begin her experimenting in Highland Park, her home town, since all the Junior groups then being organized by clubs in the General Federation were feeling their way. In the fall of 1923 a small group met in the Highland Park School to organize a Junior group, electing Margaret McIntyre president. Margaret was so enthusiastic and so charming, soon after her election she was invited to talk at the fall convention of the State Federation.

From that very small beginning Junior membership began spreading throughout Michigan. By 1924 Michigan boasted forty-eight clubs. In 1925 the first Junior banquet was held and Hazel Pierce became the second president of the Highland Park group. Mrs. J. J. Livingston, also of Highland Park, became the state chairman. Then Michigan's work with Juniors was recognized and Mrs. Robins was appointed the first General Federation Chairman of Junior Membership.

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In 1926 women's clubs were invited to send to the Philadelphia Sesquicentennial dolls dressed to represent historical characters from their states. Later it was decided that one organization should be chosen from each state to exhibit a doll. The Michigan group so honored was the Highland Park Juniors. They chose Madam Cadillac. Every effort was made to design a costume historically correct. A pink dinner dress was chosen, and exquisitely fashioned. It was on exhibition on "High Street of 1776" throughout the Sesquicentennial.

But alas! When the exhibition closed its gates the doll was nowhere to be found. It remained lost for four years, then in April, 1931, it was recovered and returned to the Highland Park Juniors.

All the Junior groups were pioneering—some set up departments, such as citizenship, poetry and songs; health; and decorative arts. The Highland Park group looking to the future when there might be other Junior Clubs in Highland Park decided to call themselves the "Alpha Chapter" and as the years have rolled along there are now the Beta and Gamma Chapters.

Following Mrs. Livingston as State Chairman was Frances Garvey of Alpena. The state clubs were growing in number following the pattern first accepted of being sponsored by a senior club. Each Junior club, however, decided its own program and philanthropies. There was a Senior advisor ready to help as needed.

During the first ten years Junior Clubs earned money for senior club projects, put on plays and pageants, enjoyed many social affairs—dances, outings, but possibly not feeling too necessary to the senior groups.

But a change was coming!

This desire to belong and to be a part of the club movement prompted the first state conference for Junior Club women held in Saginaw, in May 1932, and a second meeting in Flint in June 1933.

Then in October, 1933, a state Junior Conference was held in Detroit at the Book Cadillac Hotel. This meeting was conducted by Frances Garvey, State Chairman of Juniors. A tentative constitution was read and the following slate was offered to the representatives of fifty-three junior clubs of the state of Michigan: President, Hazel Pierce; Vice-president, Ida McKinney; Secretary, Ann Cameron (Mrs. James C. Potts), Treasurer, Elaine Freuh.

This slate was accepted for the ensuing year. Further it was

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decided to have a representative from each district and yearly dues of \$1.00.

On May 12, 1934, in Muskegon the Junior Federation of Michigan Woman's Clubs was held. Mrs. Emma Fox, State Parliamentarian and Honorary Member of the Junior Federation, was introduced and presented with a Junior pin in recognition of the valuable help given to the Junior Federation. At this meeting the constitution was amended and the same slate of officers was presented and accepted. The name was changed to the Michigan Junior Council.

In Detroit in June of 1935, at the time of the Triennial Convention of the General Federation, Ann Cameron, Port Huron, was elected President. Mrs. Ellen Hathaway reported on the Junior Diary of which she was editor. This was a unique daily account of Triennial events that sold for five cents a copy. The pageant "Winged Way" was presented on the Triennial program by the Juniors.

At the April 30th meeting in 1938 the Michigan State Council of Junior Women's Clubs became the Junior Department of the Michigan State Federation of Woman's Clubs. The Juniors decided to have their annual meeting in the fall of the year and meet with the State Federation in the spring of the year. The Juniors from now on pay the same dues as senior members and are entitled to delegates to the annual convention on the same basis.

Now came time for the Juniors to decide on projects and philanthropies. They had given the pageant, contributed to the Junior Diary, raffled handkerchiefs and compiled and sold cookbooks.

In the philanthropic field the projects since have been the following: Scholarship Funds, Reforestation Programs, War Service, Nurses Scholarships, Layettes for wives of Servicemen, "Save the Children" a General Federation Project, Interlochen Art Building, Wedding gowns to English girls, Philippine Children, Crippled Children of Michigan, Stamp Project for Wounded Veterans, Penny Art Fund, Writing to Foreign Women, "Inside Michigan", and Girlstown.

A Michigan Queen was chosen in 1941 and sent to Atlantic City.

As the Juniors progressed in their efforts it was decided that any assistance they could offer at the State Conventions be accepted. In April, 1946, a suggestion was made by Mrs. W. O. Merrill, then State Junior chairman, that the State Junior chairman be a Junior clubwoman, instead of a Senior clubwoman. This suggestion was approved and Helen M. Harris was the first Junior to become a state chairman at the October, 1947, meeting in Muskegon Heights, also

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she became a member of the Board of Directors of the State Federation. In 1949 Helen was elected Recording Secretary of the State Federation—the first Junior club woman to be so honored. A travel fund has been established, which assures Michigan Juniors of a representative at the General Federation Conventions. In 1947-1948 three Sub-Junior Clubs were formed, Bear Lake Juniorary (1947), the Muskegon Heights Sub-Juniors and the Pigeon Juniorary (1948).

In 1950 the Helen M. Harris trophy was presented to the Junior Department. This trophy is to be given to the outstanding club of the year chosen from a point system inaugurated by the Junior State Chairman and her committee. The First Award was divided between the Muskegon Heights Junior Woman's Club and the Vassar Juniors. In 1950-51 it was again divided between the New Buffalo Club and the Alpha Chapter of Highland Park. In October, 1951, it was announced that the Helen M. Harris Trophy would be a dual award going to the outstanding Junior club that had been federated five or more years and to the outstanding group federated less than five years. Again a divided decision with Muskegon Heights Junior Woman's Club and the Bear Lake Juniors and the Juniors of the Grand Rapids Woman's Club and the Sturgis Juniors winning the trophies in 1952.

Presidents of the Junior Council have been Hazel Pierce, 1933-35; Mrs. Ann Cameron Potts, 1935-37; Mrs. Rolland Damm, 1937-39. Chairmen of the Department of Junior Membership Mrs. E. K. Wilson (Jeannette Wedekind), 1939-43; Inez Richardson, 1943-44; Mrs. Vaughn Fagley, 1944-45; Mrs. J. C. Shoemaker, 1945-47; Helen M. Harris, 1947-49; Mrs. Nuel Donley, 1949-51; Mrs. Richard Bush, 1951-53.

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ALVORD, EDITH VOSBURG, b. West Webster, a suburb of Rochester, N.Y. She is of Columbia County (N.Y.) Dutch ancestry, first Vosburgh in this country having been born in Albany, N.Y. in 1630. Parents were Addis Emmet Vosburgh and Frances Whitbeck. Moved to Battle Creek, Michigan, in February 1880. After graduating from Battle Creek High School and Olivet College, taught Latin and English in Morris, Illinois High School four years. June 25, 1902, married Dr. William R. Alvord. They have one daughter, Frances Alvord Harris (Fran Harris of WWJ) and three grandchildren. Dr. Alvord practiced in Battle Creek until 1908, when the family moved to Detroit. In Detroit, Mrs. Alvord joined Detroit New Century Club, after serving as rec. sec'y. and first vice-pres. she became president in 1913. Resigned to become president of the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs, 1913-1915. Editor of the *Detroit Club Woman*, City Federation organ, 1916-28; recording secretary and first vice-president of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, then president 1920-22, Member General Federation Board of Directors in 1922-32, first chairman of American Citizenship, then chairman of Press and Publicity. When the General Federation convention was held in Detroit in 1935, Mrs. Alvord was co-chairman with Mrs. Prout, managing the many Detroit angles of the convention. Acting president of the Salvation Army Auxiliary, 1916-18. The first woman to be elected member of the Highland Park School Board (suburb of Detroit), served 10 years 1918-28, was treasurer 1920-28. Long interested in international affairs, Mrs. Alvord was president of the Detroit Women's International Education Council, 1930-34, an outgrowth of the Cause and Cure of War Conference on a local level. She was an active worker in twenty-five Community Chest drives. Member of Detroit Citizens' League Board 8 years. Her most outstanding service to the community has been as executive director of the International Institute, the foreign branch of the Y.W.C.A. in Detroit. She held this position from May 1, 1926 to September 1, 1944, carrying on an intensive program with the foreign-born of Detroit, serving some 24 nationalities. Mrs. Alvord is now the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs Parliamentarian, also holds the same position with Detroit New Century Club and the Adult Education Institute, which meets in Ann Arbor annually and is sponsored by the University of Michigan. Co-editor "History of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs 1895-1953."

ASHBAUGH, DELPHINE DODGE (Mrs. R. H.) the 13th President of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, was born in Niles, Michigan—a sister of the Dodge brothers, John and Horace, of automotive fame. When Detroit became an automobile center she moved to Detroit with the family. Her inter-

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est in civic problems turned her attention to women's clubs as a way to be of service. Member of Detroit Review Club, then president; after holding minor offices became president of Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs; founded and became president of the Auxiliary to the Salvation Army. In her honor at the close of her administration John Dodge gave to the Detroit Federation their present club house at the corner of Second and Hancock Aves., also financed necessary additions and repairs. Recording secretary Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, 1910-12; vice-president, 1913-14; president, 1914-16. During World War I Mrs. Ashbaugh was appointed Director of Red Cross for Michigan; state chairman of Women's Liberty Loan Drive. In 1913 was appointed to serve on the newly authorized Detroit Recreation Commission, the only woman so honored. Founded and edited the Detroit Club Woman for six years. Mrs. Ashbaugh spent the last years of her life in California where she died in 1936.

AVERY, CLARA ARLETTE, one of the founders and first president of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, b. Bradley, Maine, January 12, 1850, one of thirteen children. Father dealt extensively in pine lands in Maine, later in Michigan. To look after the Michigan land he, with his family, came to Port Huron in May, 1853. Moved to Detroit in 1867, and lived at the corner of Fort and Third Streets. Clara was educated in private schools in Detroit. Her interest in reform and civic betterment led her into the woman's club movement. She founded the XX Century Club of Detroit. Served as president; sent as delegate from that club to the organization meeting of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, Lansing, 1895. Member Board of Woman's Hospital and Infant's Home; member Louisa St. Clair Chapter Daughters of American Revolution; member board of Institute of Arts; gave generously of her time to social service; traveled extensively. Died May 8, 1937 in Chicago.

BRUCE, JEAN FRITH MCINTYRE (Mrs. Arthur W.) born in Kalamazoo, Mich., only child of Carolyn Cokayne-Frith McIntyre and Alexander Gillespie McIntyre. Educated in the public schools of Kalamazoo, and at the Western Michigan College of Education. After teaching one year in Galesburg, Mich., Jean taught four years in Kalamazoo public schools until the time of her marriage to Dr. Arthur W. Bruce. They located then in Traverse City. Mrs. Bruce, following the example of her club-conscious mother, became actively interested in club work. The year she joined the Traverse City Woman's Club, elected corresponding secretary, serving two years, and recording secretary two years. In the Grand Traverse County Federation, Mrs. Bruce filled the offices of corresponding secretary, recording secretary, vice-president and president for two years each. The same year, appointed chairman of Library Service for the Northwestern District for two years, then was elected to the offices of recording secretary, vice-presi-

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dent and president of the district for two year terms. When the General Federation of Women's Clubs pioneered in cancer control work and cancer education and organized the Women's Field Army under the leadership of Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole, General Federation president, Mrs. Bruce served for several years as a state vice-commander. In Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Bruce served one year as chairman of the Division of Prose Literature; then was appointed chairman of the three Departments, Fine Arts, Applied Education, and Social Welfare for two years in each Department. She also served as chairman of War Service. In 1943, Mrs. Bruce was elected second vice-president of the State Federation, then first vice-president, and served as president from 1947 thru 1949. Mrs. Bruce organized the Past Presidents' Club of the Grand Traverse County Federation in 1934. She also organized The Dramatiques, has served as their President for 18 years and is still filling the office. She is also serving her 15th year as Advisor for the Traverse City Junior Woman's Club, being elected annually by the Juniors. Other activities include membership on the Committee for Psychiatric Nursing; and the Advisory Board of the North Central School of Practical Nurse Education since the school was opened five years ago. In the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Bruce has been active as Mid-Western Regional Chairman of Conservation of Natural Resources during Mrs. Hiram C. Houghton's administration; and has been appointed on the Revision of Bylaws Committee by Mrs. Oscar A. Ahlgren for 1952-1954.

BULSON, FLORENCE BRECK (Mrs. Albert Eugene), b. Paw Paw, Mich., Nov. 11, 1857. Educated Paw Paw High School and Ypsilanti Normal. Dr. Bulson graduate of Rush Medical, Chicago; moved to Indiana, then Paw Paw where he and Florence were married. Dr. Bulson a drummer boy in Civil War, fought at Bull Run, Chancellerville, and Gettysburg. From Paw Paw they moved to Jackson where their home became a center for civic and social gatherings. President Tourist Club, 1896-97. Mrs. Bulson was sent as a delegate to the organization meeting of the State Federation. Instrumental in changing name of Tourist Club to Jackson Woman's Club. Recording secretary Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, 1897-98. Designed Michigan Federation pin adopted officially at the Fifth Annual meeting in Jackson, 1899. Director State Federation, 1898-1900. Literary Editor of the Federation Bulletin several years. Organized Jackson County Federation, 1914. First vice-president Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, 1914-16, and president, 1916 to Feb. 1919—an added four months because of World War I. Known as "War President." Member Commission on National Defense for Michigan; member War Preparedness Commission; Women's Liberty Loan Committee; assisted organization of Red Cross units. Member Eastern Star; Daughters of American Revolution; Baptist Church. Three children: Florence, now residing in California; Glenn,

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Captain in the Medical Corps, World War I, contracted T.B. and died 1929; Erminie, talented musician, at one time organist in Mormon Temple, Salt Lake City, died in 1932. Mrs. Bulson's hobbies were music, art, lectures and concerts. She died March 13, 1924.

CHAMBERLIN, ELNORA SHEPARD (Mrs. George T.), 12th president of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, b. July 2, 1864, Hartford, Michigan. Parents, George Washington and Ann Eliza Swisher Shepard. Graduate Dowagiac High School. Her prime interest, welfare and development of youth of the country, influenced her in choice of teaching as a profession. This interest was manifest throughout her administration as president of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, 1912-1914. Was first elected to a state office, 1906, as corresponding secretary, followed as 2d and 1st vice-president. Was General Federation State Secretary, 1914-1916. Her administration developed plans for districting Michigan Federation; a Michigan Endowment Fund, and created the Club Extension Department. Worked for Open Air Schools, Continuation Schools, Vocational Training, and Public Health laws. Mrs. Chamberlin has spent her life in Hartford. Two children, a daughter and son. Her philosophy for clubs, "If our organization is not marked by progression it will be marked by retrogression."

CHAPMAN, MARY MACARTHUR (Mrs. Willis Earle) b. Sept. 6, 1876, Cheboygan, Michigan. Her father, John B. MacArthur, a millwright and engineer, was born in Scotland, came to Michigan, center of lumber industry, by way of Sidney, Nova Scotia, where he married Nancy Melinda Judson of Lyn, Ontario. On death of mother in 1882, leaving two girls and five boys, Mary was sent to Lyn, Ontario, to live with her grandmother. In that small village Mary MacArthur had basic training in unselfishness, moral discipline, spiritual faith, and responsibility as her grandmother and other villagers served as nurses or social workers when illness, death or sorrow visited the community. After 10 years, she returned to Cheboygan to finish high school. At age of 19, entered Medical School at University of Michigan. Her academic medical training was ended in Junior year when she married a young doctor, Willis Earle Chapman, Cheboygan. Dr. Chapman became medical officer in U. S. Army and was sent to Manilla. They spent two years in travel and foreign life. Two children were born, Nathalie Eleanor and Earle MacArthur. Mary Chapman was president of Cheboygan Woman's Club; president of Northeastern District Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, 1925-27; appointed second vice-president when that office became vacant between elections, 1931-33; first vice-president by election, 1933-35 and state president in 1935-37. Michigan director to General Federation, 1937-39. During World War I, she contributed to war work by teaching chemistry and biology in Cheboygan High School.

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CROSS, CHRISTINE MCAULAY (Mrs. Fred M.), Bad Axe, Michigan. President Michigan State Federation Women's Clubs 1945-1947; district president 1943-1945. Served in departments of Conservation, Library, History, Fine Arts, Legislation, Social Welfare and Adult Education. B. Little Falls, Minnesota, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. McAulay. Came to Michigan when a child. Educated in public schools, Goddard Seminary in Barre, Vermont, tutored in French and German, had courses in Art, Contemporary Literature and Music. Married Fred M. Cross, a Bad Axe business man and has lived in her present home thirty-five years. Interested in community affairs and has served as president of Verona Hills Golf Club and Hospital Auxiliary and is at this time a Michigan Board Member of Women's Medical College in Philadelphia, Pa. A spacious garden surrounds her home which perhaps gives a small clue to her interest in conservation and her love of the out-of-doors. Has taken four Good Will Tours as a member of a General Federation of Women's Clubs good will ambassadors. She is president of the Ahlgren World Travelers, known as the "Ahlgren World Ambassadors."

FELKER, LOIS L. TEESDALE (Mrs. Henry J.) b. Aug. 15, 1851, in Constantine, Michigan. Daughter of Samuel Teesdale and Frances Bryan Teesdale. She received her elementary education in Constantine and was one of the first women to graduate from Albion College, Michigan. Married Henry J. Felker, a lawyer, Oct. 3, 1875, moving to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he practiced law until his death. Mrs. Felker was delegate from Grand Rapids West End Club to the organization meeting of Michigan State Federation in Lansing, 1895. Besides her interest in club work, she was a botanist and an ornithologist. Was the 8th president of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, from 1904-1906. She died Nov. 20, 1928.

FOX, EMMA AUGUSTA STOWELL (Mrs. Charles E.) was born in Binghamton, N.Y., March 29, 1847. Her parents were Allen Goff and Caroline Scott Stowell, whose ancestors came to America in 1624. When Emma was 9 years old, she and her sister moved to Peoria, Ill. Educated in both private and public schools, she was teaching in the North Division High School in Chicago, at the time of the great fire in 1871. In Cambridge, Mass., where she had gone to teach she met Chas. Edgar Fox and married him on November 8, 1876, in her home in Peoria and came to Detroit. In 1884, they moved to 21 Bagley Avenue, her home for many years; where two sons—Maurice Winslow and Howard Stowell were born. Devotion to her family did not lessen her life long interest in the cause of woman and her status in the legal world. She devoted many years to the scientific study of Parliamentary Law, and served as official parliamentarian at conventions of many state and national organizations. She served in this capacity in every state in the nation except Vermont. Member of Board of Trustees Woman's Hospital for 13 years,

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acting as treasurer and president. She served two years on the Detroit Board of Education from 1893-1895.

In 1897; she became the third president of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs.

1898; elected secretary of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

1901; she was one of fifty women to visit President McKinley to seek a charter for the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

1902; she was elected vice president of General Federation of Women's Clubs and the first edition of Parliamentary Usage was published. Since then 4 editions have been published.

1904; she was made honorary vice-president of General Federation of Women's Clubs.

In October, 1899, the Detroit Parliamentary Law Club was organized. Mrs. Fox was president until her death. Mr. Fox died in 1918. In 1932, Mrs. Fox was appointed Michigan Director to the General Federation of Women's Clubs. At the age of 85, Mrs. Fox took her first air plane ride to St. Louis and return, to serve as parliamentarian at National Pi Omicron Convention. In 1941, at the age of 94, she received the gold medal as the No. 1 Pioneer Club woman of America. Mrs. Fox had two honorary degrees conferred on her—Doctor of Humanities by Hillsdale College, and Doctor of Letters by Wayne University. During the last year of her life (1944) she served as Parliamentarian at nine conventions from March 28 to November 25, 1944. In January, 1945, Mrs. Fox was taken to the hospital where she received comfort in her daily contemplation of the 91st Psalm, and passed away on February 8, 1945.

GOULD, JOSEPHINE WHITE (Mrs. Lucius E.) was born September 23, 1845, in Hartwick, Massachusetts, direct descendant of Perigrin White, the only child born on the Mayflower as it carried the Pilgrims from England to America, 1620. Her childhood was spent in the East where she gained common school education. No college for girls at that period, but that was no bar to her so far as higher education was concerned. By constant study she gained advanced education. She came to Corunna, Michigan, in 1870, teaching school in that city and later in Owosso. Married Lucius E. Gould, Owosso, in 1875. Few years after her marriage, founded the Oakside private school. She did special tutoring and prepared young men for examinations for entrance to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point and Naval Academy at Annapolis. Tutored pupils who planned to enter universities. Was charter member Current Topic Club, Owosso, and active in Owosso Woman's Club. Was 7th president Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, 1902-1904. Was charter member of Shiawassee Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution. Active member of Congregational Church, especially so with young people. Died Aug. 29, 1923. One son, Lawrence Gould.

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HAMILTON, RENA LOUISA TOMPKINS (Mrs. Burritt) b. Coldwater, Michigan, Feb. 12, 1873, daughter of George Benson Tompkins and Frances E. Andrews Tompkins. The family moved to Sturgis where Mr. Tompkins entered mercantile business. Burritt Hamilton, young lawyer of Sturgis married Rena Tompkins, June 12, 1894. There was one son, Ralph Nelson. In 1898, the Hamilton family moved to Battle Creek and with exception of several years' residence in east resided there continuously since. Their home "The Lilacs" was noted for the beauty of its box-bordered gardens. Mrs. Hamilton early became interested in woman's club movement, was one of three founders of the Sturgis Woman's Club. In Battle Creek she became identified with the Woman's League, serving as president 1913-1915, subsequently president emeritus. In 1912 elected recording secretary of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, became 15th president in 1919, after serving as second vice-president and vice-president-at-large. During that period was instrumental in organizing the Southwestern District. At close of regime, as president, the Hamilton Club was organized as tribute to Mrs. Hamilton, limited membership of 100. She was elected president "for 99 years." Elected Michigan Director to General Federation, serving 3 terms. A home and garden lover, she was an organizer of garden club movement in Michigan, served as first president of Garden Club of Battle Creek. Her fondness for roses and interest in their culture led her to organize the Rose Study group. Was member of American Rose Society. In her rose garden she grew 300 varieties, many of them rare. Was regent of Battle Creek chapter, Daughters of American Revolution; active in Young Woman's Christian Association, Woman's Club of Service Flag, Battle Creek Woman's Club, Quaker Club all of Battle Creek; Michigan Historical Club and Women's Press Association. Active in Episcopal Church, for years chairman for Western Michigan of the National Women's committee for the National Cathedral. Died in Battle Creek, September 4, 1943.

HUNTER, ESTHER R. SMITH (Mrs. George Graham) b. Dec. 25, 1872, Genesee County, Michigan. Parents, Mortimer Wilson and Esther Margaret Evans Smith, pioneer farmers. Graduate of Flint Public School and State Normal College, Ypsilanti, Michigan. Taught in elementary schools, Flint and Ovid, Michigan. Married July 19, 1899, George Graham Hunter, lawyer, Chicago, Illinois. Hunter family moved to Ovid, Michigan, later to Saint Johns, Michigan, 1919. Inducted in club work in Chicago, Ill., served as president Ovid Progressive Club; president of Central District Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs and upon its division became first president of West Central District; served as treasurer, vice-president, becoming president, Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, 1924-1926; Michigan director to General Federation, 1926-28; member program committee for Biennial Council, General Federation, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1927; chairman committee on revision of by-laws, General Federation, for Biennial Convention, San Antonio, Texas, 1928; Chairman of Endowment Fund

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Trustees, State Federation, since 1934; Chairman Committee on Records, State Federation, since 1936; Co-editor, "History of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, 1895-1953." Member Michigan State Board for Libraries, 1939-1953, appointee of Governor Frank Fitzgerald; chairman, Clinton County Chapter American Red Cross for period of years. Congregationalist. One son, George Graham Hunter, III.

JONES, IRMA THEODA (Mrs. Nelson B.) b. in Victory, N.Y., March 11, 1845. 1849 her father, Charles N. Andrews, a physician of unusual ability, moved his family to Rockford, Ill. In the primary department of Miss Anna P. Sill's female seminary at five years of age, Irma began her education. At the close of her school life in July 1863 she taught one year, then removed to Lansing, where her uncle, John A. Kerr, held the position of State Printer. M. in May, 1865, to Nelson B. Jones. Contributed to various newspapers concerning the Women's Clubs, Women's Christian Temperance Union, and the Lansing Industrial Aid Society. She organized the Lansing Woman's Club and the Unity Club. Honorary member Clio Club, Detroit. Member Michigan Press Association; president Michigan State Federation Women's Clubs 1896. One of the founders of the Lansing Pilgrim Church. Michigan club women owe to her the history of the first 25 years of the State Federation. Died in Lansing, 1923.

KANGERY, HELEN (Mrs. Joseph) born in Ironwood, Michigan. Received elementary education in Ironwood Public Schools. Attended Marquette State Teacher's College and University of Chicago. Public school teacher, grade school principal, and Director of Americanization and Evening Schools in Ironwood. In 1933-35, president Ironwood Woman's Club; 1943-45, president Upper Peninsular District, Michigan State Federation, having served all elective offices in district; safety chairman winning State award; president, Michigan State Federation, 1949-51, after serving as first and second vice-president; director from Michigan in General Federation, 1950-52. Community service chief interest of Helen Kangery, her activities were co-chairman of Red Cross Nurses Aides of Gogebic County in World War II; chairman of Blood Plasma clinic in Gogebic County, 1945; of Cancer Drive, and of Salvation Army Drive. Received citation from Michigan Office of Civilian Defense and Red Cross for work as volunteer nurses aid, knitting, and making surgical dressings during World War II; State advisor of Women's activities for National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis.

KEATING, MARTHA ADALAIDE (Mrs. Loftus N.) b. Hillsdale, Michigan, March 13, 1848, daughter of Betsy Wolford Cook, and John Potter Cook, pioneer banker and lumberman, early member of the Michigan State Legislature, helping to draft the state constitution. Attended Hillsdale College, oldest graduate at time of her death. M. 1869 Loftus Nano Keating, attorney. Among those instrumental in establishing Muskegon Woman's Club,

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1890. 1904 established Woman's Club Parliamentary Class, later called Martha A. Keating Parliamentary Class, many of whose members attained prominence in Parliamentary procedures. Club parliamentarian until her death at 93. Twice president Muskegon Woman's Club 1892-1893. President State Federation of Women's Clubs 1898-1900. Chairman Clubhouse Building committee, having been named a member by the building's donor. In 1940 Northwestern district of State Federation conferred on her the medal of pioneer clubwomen, awarded by the General Federation Women's Clubs. Though loss of vision curtailed her activities somewhat in her later years, she continued her club work as long as health permitted. Mrs. Keating died on Sunday, January 4, 1942, at the age of 93.

KNAPP, BELLE MACKENZIE (Mrs. Alfred J.), b. Cumber, Michigan, January 24, 1875. Educated Cass City High School; eight years University Extension courses. President Tuscola County Federation Women's Clubs; Art Chairman State Federation; president East Central District of State Federation; president Michigan State Federation 1926-1928; Director General Federation two years, chairman Division Bible as Literature, General Federation five years; attended 12 General Federation meetings; secretary Upper Mississippi Valley Conference. Taught school 6 years. Embalmer and Funeral Director 30 years. Devoted to her church she was superintendent of the Sunday School, First Presbyterian Church, Cass City 65 years. President of Missionary Society 9 years; President of Flint Presbyterial Society for Missions 4 years; member of the Synodical Board of Missions 4 years; chairman of the Revision of Constitution and By-laws of Synodical Board; State delegate to the Quadrennial meeting of Missions at Beech Hill, Pa. Only life member of the Flint Presbyterian Board. Endowment Fund Trustee Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs. One son, Clark MacKenzie Knapp.

MCLEAN, EVELYN ADELE CHILDS (Mrs. Sears Richard) b. Childsdale, Michigan. d. Horace Hacks and Frances Lockerby Childs. Attended Wheaton College, Norton, Mass., studied art in Boston and Grand Rapids, Michigan. Taught Art. Official positions: President, Holland Woman's Club, 1925-27; president of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, 1933-35, after serving West Central District as president, second and first vice-president. Was Michigan Director to General Federation of Women's Clubs, 1935-1937. The national depression of 1933, with clubs withdrawing and disbanding, was the period of her presidency. The issue was met with state-wide programs on peace and education. The General Federation of Women's Clubs Triennial Convention held in Detroit, 1935, during her administration. Member: Grand Rapids Woman's Club; Grand Rapids Ladies' Literary Club; Michigan State Education Planning Commission, 1933-35. Member, Hope Reformed Church, Holland. Two sons: Charles and Baxter.

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MERRILL, TREESA M. WAY (Mrs. William O.), b. Thedford, Ont., Can.; d. George P. and Francis Minerva (Tripp) Way; student Detroit Training School of English Literature; Michigan State Normal: English Literature, public speaking, and dramatic art. Past President Chaffee Noble School of Expression Alumni; chairman Drama Division Detroit Federation Women's Clubs; past trustee Detroit Civic Theatre; chairman of Drama, Michigan State Federation Women's Clubs; dramatic director of Will-O-Way Players; chairman of Drama Michigan Methodists. Member: Detroit New Century; Detroit Theatre Arts; Auxiliary of Wayne County Medical Society; Auxiliary Salvation Army; Detroit Fine Arts Society; Detroit Parliamentary Law Club; Young Women's Christian Association; Alumni Chaffee Noble School of Expression; honorary member of the speech sorority Omega Upsilon. Organized the drama division in both Detroit and Michigan Federations. Active in community work through the drama, giving programs for welfare funds, and using drama educationally in community centers for drives, etc. Worked to bring the drama back to the churches, giving many plays and pageants which have proved educational and artistic. Recording secretary, second vice-president, first vice-president and president 1951-53 Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs.

MILLS, FLORENCE GERTRUDE BALCH (Mrs. Alfred J.) b. Nov. 28, 1851, Barry County, Michigan. Parents were Luther and Sarah Balch, farmers. Received elementary education in Kalamazoo, graduated at age of 16, began teaching the following fall in Kalamazoo. Married June 30, 1874, to Alfred James Mills, Circuit Judge of VanBuren County. Lived in Paw Paw, Michigan. In 1885, moved to Kalamazoo, Judge Alfred J. Mills served Kalamazoo County as Circuit Judge. Were 3 daughters, Gertrude, Mabel and Helen and one son, James. She was a founder of Civic League; a member 50 years of Ladies' Library Association, Kalamazoo, the oldest Federated club in Michigan, serving as its president twice; was one of leaders in founding Kalamazoo County Federation; helped organize the League of Women Voters; with Dr. Caroline Bartlett Crane and others organized "The Women's Civic Improvement League" of Kalamazoo; was 10th president of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, 1908-1910. Was member of Kalamazoo Board of Education for 12 years, its president in 1934; member National Anti-Tuberculosis Executive Committee; member of War Mothers. She was affiliated with Unitarian Church, renamed The People's Church after Dr. Caroline Bartlett Crane became its minister. Mrs. Mills died in Kalamazoo, at age of 84. Her life was dedicated to the service of others and her greatest satisfaction in life was in that service.

PALMER, ANNA ALEXANDER (Mrs. Smith) was born in Oakland County, Michigan. Spent much of her childhood in Wisconsin, going to Saginaw, Michigan, when about 17 years old; taught in local schools, later a principal in Bay City schools. Married Smith Palmer, banker, of Saginaw, May 11,

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1881. Was charter member and second president of the Saginaw Reading Club; the 4th president of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, 1898. Member Saginaw Board of Education, 1904, first woman member of the West Side Schools; was appointed by Governor Ferris to Board of Guardians of Girls' Industrial School at Adrian. She died July 28, 1921, at the age of 79.

PERRY, BELLE MCARTHUR (Mrs. George) b. on farm in Brookfield, Eaton Co., Michigan. Graduate Charlotte High School after attending district school. Teacher at 15 yrs. Perrys purchased Charlotte Tribune. Made it a model newspaper, Mrs. Perry editing special department called "Good Cheer." Was first president of Michigan Women's Press Association. Mrs. Perry founded and edited the Interchange, organ of Women's Press Association, later emerging as the Federation organ, the Bulletin. Wrote the "Life of Mrs. Lucinda Hinsdale Stone," called the "Mother of Michigan Women's Clubs." President of State Women's Christian Temperance Union; president of State Equal Suffrage Society. Other offices were, president Charlotte Woman's Club; of Century Club; organized and first president of Woman's Council at county fairs, directed the Home Gardening club, work for school children. She moved to Los Angeles, California, living with daughter, Georgia, until her death August, 1925. Her aim and achievements through the years were "growth for service—growth through service." Elected 7th president of Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs 1901. Re-elected 1902. She represented the Charlotte Tribune Club at the organization of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs in Lansing, 1895.

PROUT, MABEL SEVERIN OLSEN (Mrs. Robert Ira Cole), b. Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Graduate Superior Normal School, Superior, Wisconsin. Teaching and church work occupied earlier life of Mabel Prout. Taught in public school Eau Claire and religious education in summer session in Ripon College, Ripon, Wis. After marriage to Dr. R. I. C. Prout, moved to Wakefield, Michigan. Following his death, 1939, has lived in Minneapolis, Minn. Started in club work as Junior in Eau Claire, Wis., 1909; first office, president Woman's Club, Wakefield, 1920-22; president of Upper Peninsula District, Michigan State Federation, 1927-29, having served in all elective offices in district. Rose through ranks of State Federation to president Michigan Federation, 1931-33; director from Michigan of General Federation, 1933-35; state co-chairman, General Federation First Triennial Convention, Detroit, 1935. Services in General Federation of Women's Clubs include: 1941-44, chairman of Nutrition War Service Department; 1944-47, chairman of Finance; 1947-50, chairman of Budget; 1950-52, treasurer; 1952, Elected second vice-president to serve to 1954. In 1935 she collected and compiled recipes for a cookbook—"A Cook's Tour"—of 218 recipes from 83 clubs in 24 countries. Her hobbies are cooking, music, and reading.

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RUSSELL, HELEN CARY (Mrs. Dorian M.), b. Aug. 6, 1874, Wayne Co., N.Y. M. Dorian M. Russell, May 19, 1902 in New Orleans where she was employed as expert court stenographer. Moved to Grand Rapids, Mich., 1907; president Ladies' Literary Club, 1921; later president Grand Rapids Federation of Women's Clubs. First State Federation job was chairman Civil Service Reform of which she said "Most important and least interesting of committees." Recording secretary State Federation, 1918; vice-president, 1920-22; president, 1922-24; director for Michigan General Federation of Women's Clubs, 1924-26. Editor Michigan Federation Forum, 6 years. Appointed Michigan State Welfare Commission by Gov. Brucker; member Michigan State Board for Libraries, 1934-41, appointed by Gov. Fitzgerald; Member Grand Rapids Board of Education, 6 years, retiring 1942. Member D. A. Blodgett Home for Children Committee; past vice-president Child Labor Association of Grand Rapids; member Evangeline Board of Grand Rapids; secretary War Savings Stamp Committee for Grand Rapids District; member Grand Rapids first tax-advising committee. Member Park Congregational Church. Two sons, Orlando and Joseph A. Died Oct. 25, 1946.

SEEBER, ESTELLE HANCHETTE (Mrs. Rex Robert) b. Hancock, Michigan. Elementary education in Hancock Public Schools. Attended Liggett School, Detroit; Vassar College, Poughkeepsie and Columbia University, from which she received Degree of Bachelor of Science. Taught, 1914-18; an institutional manager, 1921-27; since, a housewife and clubwoman. Official positions: president, Houghton Civic Club, 1935-37; from 1936, served Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs as recording secretary, 2nd vice-president, 1st vice-president and in 1943 became president for two terms. In the General Federation, she was Michigan Director for one term, 1944-45; chairman of Credentials, 1945-47, and co-chairman Consumer Relations, 1947-1949. The outstanding event in her administration was to be the Golden Jubilee, celebrated in 1945, the 50th birthday of Michigan Federation. By order from Office of Defense Transportation came the regulation "No Conventions," the plans for the annual meeting in 1945 and program for the Golden Jubilee were cancelled.

SICKLES, MABEL L. TOWNSEND (Mrs. John Edward) was the 26th president of the Michigan State Federation. B. July 25, 1883, in Grand Blanc, Michigan, daughter of George F. and Helen L. Townsend, pioneer farmers of Genesee County. There were 9 children, 8 girls and 1 boy; Mabel was the 6th daughter. Known in Genesee, Oakland and Lapeer Counties as the Townsend Teachers. Mabel educated in Grand Blanc High School and Ferris Institute, studied voice in Flint, m. John Edward Sickles also a musician, June 21, 1905. Their one daughter is an accomplished musician. President Flint Sorosis Club, president Genesee County Federation Women's Clubs; chairman Literature, East Central District State Federation; Hon-

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orary member Flint Sorosis and Columbian Club of Flint. Worthy Matron Flint Chapter Order Eastern Star; president Genesee County Association Order Eastern Star. 1935 appointed second vice president State Federation; elected first vice president 1937; president Michigan State Federation 1939-41. General Federation Director for Michigan 1941-1942; president of Council of Presidents, General Federation 1940. Chairman Committee to place State and Foreign Flags used at Golden Jubilee Convention General Federation at Atlantic City. Hon. L. D. Dickinson, Governor of Michigan, appointed Mrs. Sickles only woman representative on the Michigan National Defense Council, World War II; appointed member of National Advisory Commission on Woman's Participation for the State of Michigan by Grover A. Whalen, president New York World's Fair 1939, member advisory Commission of Michigan School for the Deaf; guest speaker Michigan State Fair 1940. Honorary vice president of the Woman's Guild of the First Presbyterian Church, Flint.

SMITH, FRANCES WHEELER (Mrs. Clement), daughter early settlers Milo Wheeler and Amanda Haight Wheeler, b. Woodland Twp., Barry County, April 3, 1850. Taught in country schools at age of 15. M. Clement Smith, Circuit-Judge Barry and Eaton Co.; director Michigan State Federation Women's Clubs 1900; treasurer, 1902-04; vice president 1904-06; state president, 1906-1908. Nov. 1893 organized Hastings Woman's Club. Responsible for first lecture course in Hastings, and for organization of anti-tuberculosis society. Mrs. Hannah Barlow, first president of Hastings Woman's Club 1893-95, followed by Mrs. Smith. Died Hastings April 10, 1922.

SWEETNAM, EURETTA COLEMAN BANISTER (Mrs. John L.) b. July 24, 1878, Woodbridge, New Jersey; daughter of Coleman Banister, Bishop of Episcopal Church and Louisa C. Webb. Married Dr. John L. Sweetnam, Manistee, Michigan, June 19, 1914. Education: Elementary Episcopal School, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Keble School for Girls, Syracuse, N.Y.; Syracuse University, N.Y.; Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill. Occupation: Apprentice teacher, Fort Wayne, Ind.; teacher Grand Rapids, Mich.; principal in city schools, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Supervisor Bureau Social Aid, Manistee Co. Activities: president, Michigan State Teachers' Association; president, Manistee Lakeside Club; Manistee County Federation of Women's Clubs; Northwestern District Michigan State Federation, vice-president, 1939-41, and president Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, 1941-43. Michigan director to General Federation of Women's Clubs, 1943-1944; Member, Michigan State Welfare Department; Regent of Daughters of American Revolution, Manistee Chapter; member, Board of Education, Manistee; hostess, Governor's Convention, Mackinaw Island, 1937, appointed by Gov. William Comstock; Michigan representative to International Congress of Women, Chicago, appointee of governor; president, Civic Betterment Committee, Manistee, which won first honors in state in two nation-wide contests. Was

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instrumental in restoring Ramsdell Theatre, Manistee. Episcopalian. Two sons, George B., and David Webb. Died March 5, 1953.

THOMPSON, MARY E. GREEN (Mrs. Charles L.) was born in Darlington, Wisconsin, Nov. 12, 1863. After completing education, taught first in Wisconsin, coming to Muskegon in 1889 as principal of the old Union School, later replaced by the Hackley School. She was married to Dr. Charles Lyman Thompson, a pioneer Muskegon physician, on October 15, 1892. She took an active interest in various Muskegon and Michigan organizations. After death of Dr. Thompson in 1912, her interest in human welfare and her practical efficiency created a demand for her service in organized activities. Outstanding was her keen interest in the Woman's Club, having served as delegate to organizational meeting of Michigan State Federation at Lansing in 1895. She served Michigan State Federation of Women's Club as corresponding secretary, treasurer, finance chairman, chairman of the legislative committee, chairman of many departments, second vice-president, first vice-president and became state president in October, 1930. Was re-elected in October, 1931, but passed from life Nov. 15 following. She was the first active president to pass from life since the organization of the Federation in 1895.

Mrs. Thompson was president of Muskegon Nurses' Association for 15 years. Was an early leader in the local Young Women's Christian Association, serving as a trustee and member of Board of Directors. Was secretary of Muskegon Social Service Agencies. Since 1926, when chairman of Legislative committee of the State Federation and leader of a movement for approval of \$200,000 appropriation by State Legislature for completion of the Women's Training School at Okemos, she was recognized as a political leader by state Republican leaders. Because of long-time interest in all child welfare movements, Governor Brucker named her a member of the Advisory Council of State Conference on Child Health and Protection. She was the 21st president of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs. There was one son, Lyman.

ORA G. WARNER (Mrs. Earl), b. Charlotte, Michigan. Eldest of five children. Moved to Elmira at age of 16. Taught District School 1 year; Elmira Primary 3 years; second grade Gaylord 2 years. Educated Ferris Institute, Michigan State Normal, graduate courses at Wayne University. M. Maurice Keyworth 1907, lived LeRoy, Michigan 2 years, teaching 1 year. Moved to Lake City—taught 7th grade 3½ years. President Lake City Woman's Club; moved to Gaylord 1914; organized Camp Fire Girls group; president Gaylord Study Club. Concentrated on War Work 1916-18. Lived in East Jordan 1919-21. President of Woman's Club and President Charlevoix County Federation. From East Jordan to Hastings president Woman's Association of Presbyterian Church. Moved to Detroit 1923; president Clio Club. Organized Hamtramck Woman's Club and Junior Club; chairman Ameri-

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canization Detroit Federation 2 years; 1 year as recording secretary of Detroit Federation. President International Center Branch, Detroit Young Women's Christian Association 9 years. Member Board of Young Women's Christian Association Detroit 11 years. President P. E. O. Sisterhood Chapter M; recording secretary Michigan State Chapter P. E. O. 3 years. State Commander Woman's Field Army for Cancer Control. Recording secretary, second vice-president, first vice-president, president 1937-39 Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs; Director General Federation 2 years. Chairman of Credentials General Federation 1932-35. President Upper Mississippi Region Conference 1939-41. Member Fort Pontchartrain Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution; Highland Park Woman's Club; Mark Chapter Order Eastern Star; National League American Pen Women. Mr. Keyworth D. June 1935. M. Earl Warner 1938.

WILLIAM, LUCY HUBBARD WHITE (Mrs. William Brown), b. November 26, 1858, Lapeer, Michigan. Academic education at Lake Forest Academy, Illinois. Life spent in Lapeer, wife of Hon. William B. Williams, Circuit Judge of Lapeer and Tuscola Counties; were 5 children. Culture, with executive ability, contributed to many improvements of city. Organized: Lapeer Tuesday Club, president 12 yrs.; Civic Improvement Club, responsible for parks, flowers and general improvement of town; president, Michigan State Federation, 1910-12; Audubon Club; Shakespeare and Browning Club; treasurer, General Federation of Women's Clubs, 1921-24. Delegate from Lapeer Tuesday Club to organization meeting of Michigan State Federation in Lansing, 1895. With aid of Congressman Louis C. Cramton, established Lapeer City Library. She was member Garden Club of Michigan; Regent Lapeer Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution; member, Colonial Dames of America. Died in Lapeer at age of 83.

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ROBINS, JUSTINA SPOTTSWOOD (Mrs. Harry M.), b. Byron, Ill. Daughter Robert Spottswood and Frances Eleanor Ellis. Grandparents settled in Canada across from New York State; in time moved across to New York remaining only three months, in which time Justina's father was born, an American citizen. Educated Rockford, Illinois High School and University of Michigan where she met and later married Harry M. Robins. In 1906 established their home in San Francisco and lived there during the great earthquake and fire. Returning to Michigan they lived in Grand Rapids for two years then came in 1913 to Detroit, their permanent residence. Justina joined Highland Park Woman's Club; served in minor offices and on committees, then as president; president P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter N; president Detroit Garden Club 3 years. 1923 appointed Michigan's first chairman Junior membership; in 1925 became Junior membership chairman, General Federation Women's Clubs. Also in 1923 one of promoters and founders of Highland Park Young Women's Christian Association; chairman building committee which acquired the lot and supervised plans for building corner Woodward and Winona Avenues. Mrs. Robins is a life member Highland Park (now Northern) Branch of Detroit Young Women's Christian Association.

PIERCE, HAZEL joined the Highland Park teaching faculty in the fall of 1920. 1921-23 on staff of Highland Park Recreation Commission. 1923 secretary-treasurer Highland Park Junior Woman's Club; first in Michigan (with exception of Muskegon's Young Woman's Guild); president, 1925-27. 1925-1930 nine Junior Clubs were organized in the Metropolitan area, patterned after the Highland Park group. 1926 advisor to the Federation group of juniors; 1928 Junior Council of the Highland Park area formed. Hazel was their third president; 1933-35 president Michigan State Junior Council, 71 clubs. Chairman of arrangements for Juniors General Federation of Women's Clubs Triennial 1935. Served on Community Council Board of Highland Park, Board of Lucy Thurman Branch Young Women's Christian Association. Original group now known as Alpha Chapter Highland Park Woman's Club. President Highland Park region of the M.E.A. Treasurer and President P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter AR, active in A.A.U.W., Recording Secretary of her branch, Director Retired Teachers of Region 11 of Michigan; Director of Area C of Michigan Classroom Teachers' Department, Chairman Program Committee Ugly Woman's Club.

CAMERON, ANNA MARIE (Mrs. James Potts), b. Lewiston, Idaho. Graduated Lewiston State Normal School. Came to Port Huron, Mich., Aug. 1924. Taught in Port Huron Public Schools, 1924-36. President Junior Ladies'

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Library Association, Port Huron, 1932-34; secretary Junior Council, Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, 1933-35; president Junior Council, Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, 1935-37.

DAMM, IRENE M. (Mrs. Rolland) Secretary Muskegon Junior Club, 1935-36; president, 1938-41; program chairman Michigan State Junior Council, 1936; vice-president of Council, 1936-37; president, 1937-39; 1941 chosen to represent Michigan Juniors at General Federation Convention in Atlantic City, their 50th annual meeting. One evening devoted to Juniors who arranged a rolling chair parade, each state represented by their Queen. It was a thrilling experience. Recording Secretary Muskegon's Senior Woman's Club, 1942-44.

BUSH, MARY (Mrs. Richard G.) in 1946 helped organize the Royal Oak Junior Woman's Club, her first club work. Served as first president, 1946-1948, then Ways and Means chairman one year; 1949-51 president Parent-Teachers Association Branch. Director on executive board of Royal Oak Junior Woman's Club; Vice-president Junior Department Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs. As Junior chairman Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, she attended two General Federation Conventions; two General Federation Board meetings; State and District meetings and visited and spoke before many Junior clubs in the State. She has two daughters, 11 and 7.

HARRIS, HELEN B. July 27, 1917. Educated Public Schools, Bloomington, Ind.; A.B. Indiana State University, 1938. Graduate work, Indiana University, Michigan State, Wayne University, University of Michigan, 1939. Joined Muskegon Heights Junior Woman's Club; 1941-42 chairman Ways and Means Board of Muskegon Heights Junior Club; 1942-43 2nd vice-president Muskegon Heights Juniors; 1943-44 1st vice-president; president 1944-46. 1947 elected Vice-Chairman Juniors, Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs; 1947 attended General Federation of Women's Clubs convention as delegate; 1947-49 state chairman of Juniors, Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs; 1948 organized and federated Muskegon Heights Sub-juniors; 1949 attended General Federation of Women's Clubs Convention, Hollywood, Fla., as Junior delegate; 1949-51 recording secretary Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs; 1951-53 chairman for "Build Freedom with Youth" contest. 1938-49 teacher of Latin and English, Muskegon Heights Junior High; 1949-51 Employment interviewer, Edison Co., Detroit; 1951 returned to Muskegon Heights as director of a newly established Department of Counseling and attendance. Member Muskegon Heights Recreation Commission, serving as recording secretary and currently as chairman of the Commission. Member Board of Directors of Muskegon area Child Guidance Clinic.

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WILSON, JEANETTE WEDEKIND (Mrs. E. K.), in 1927 joined Northwestern Junior Club (now Sigma Omicron Sorority) and in 1934 became its president. State president of Juniors, 1939-41. Joined Detroit New Century Club, 1942; state senior chairman of Juniors 1943-45. Due to the death of her husband, Joseph C. Wedekind, 1947, Jeanette gave up some of her club work and was employed 1947-50 as executive chairman, Patient Aid Committee, American Cancer Society. Became chairman Dept. International Relations, Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs, 1950-52, and 1951-53 was chairman of Program, Detroit New Century Club. Member Metropolitan Board Y.W.C.A., 1939-43. During World War II, vice-chairman of radio for American Red Cross; member of Speakers' Bureau since 1943.

AS IT HAPPENED IN 1818

Your editors are indebted to the Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library for this account of the organization July 3, 1818 of the Ladies Society of the City of Detroit and its vicinity, with its constitution and by-laws.

It is included in our history because in their constitution written over a hundred years ago are seeds of the present day departments of work, a statement of their willingness to affiliate with other societies, a first reaching out to the community, and a setting forth of their desire to help those in distress.

Since from these simple beginnings "societies of ladies" have become a power for good, we offer this document for the thoughtful consideration of the women of today.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LADIES' SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF DETROIT AND ITS VICINITY ADOPTED JULY 3d, 1818

At an assembly of a number of ladies of the city of Detroit and its vicinity, held at the dwelling of Mrs. Larned, on the morning of Friday, the third day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, were present: Mrs. Larned, Miss Wing, Miss Larned, members; Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Roby, members; Miss Hurt, member.

Mrs. Larned was appointed to preside.

Miss Larned was appointed secretary.

On motion of Mrs. Larned, seconded by Miss Larned.

Resolved, unanimously, That it is expedient to establish a ladies' society of the city of Detroit and its vicinity.

Ordered, That Mr. Woodward be requested to report a form of a constitution.

Mr. Woodward reported the form of a constitution which was read, maturely considered and unanimously adopted.

Madam Macomb was admitted a member.

Resolved, That the election of officers take place at the next meeting.

And the society adjourned to Sunday evening next, at seven o'clock, at the dwelling of Mrs. Larned.

Attest,

HARRIET W. LARNED,

Secretary of the Ladies' Society of the City of Detroit and its vicinity.

At an assembly of the ladies' society of the city of Detroit and its vicinity, held at the dwelling of Mrs. Larned on the evening of Sunday, the fifth day

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of July, 1818, pursuant to adjournment, were present Mrs. Larned and Miss Wing, members, Major Larned, Mr. G. B. Larned and Mr. Woodward, assistants.

A message was transmitted to the absent members, who returned their excuses for not attending.

Mrs. Wing was admitted a member and attended.

Mr. Wing was admitted an assistant member and attended.

Miss Wing was appointed secretary *pro tempore*.

The election of officers, which was directed at the last meeting to take place at this meeting, was postponed until the next meeting.

And then the society adjourned until Friday evening at seven o'clock, at the dwelling of Mrs. Wing.

Attest,

PRESIDENT, *pro tempore*.

SECRETARY, *pro tempore*.

CONSTITUTION

Impressed with the belief that associations of ladies are attended with many useful consequences, that they promote social harmony and cherish benevolent dispositions, and that while they multiply the fund of intellectual pleasure they have, at the same time, a tendency to cultivate and strengthen all the virtues which can adorn the female character, the members of the ladies' society of the city of Detroit and its vicinity establish, this constitution for the government and regulation of the same:

ARTICLE I.

The name and style of this association shall be: "The Ladies' Society of the city of Detroit and its vicinity."

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The members of this society shall consist of those ladies who participated in its original organization, and of such others as are afterwards admitted.

SEC. 2. The admission of members shall be by ballot, and it shall require the concurrence of two-thirds, and of three-fourths to expel a member.

SEC. 3. No gentleman shall be a member of this society; but the husband of a lady being the member of this society shall, unless otherwise specially directed, be permitted to be present and assist in the deliberations, but shall have no vote on any question; and clergymen and other gentlemen may, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the ladies who are members, be admitted on the same terms.

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SEC. 4. Whenever the society, or president, shall direct, and whenever any three ladies may so request, every gentleman present shall withdraw.

SEC. 5. Any lady who is a member may introduce other ladies, not members, to be present at the deliberations of the society, and on such occasions as the society shall direct, the transactions shall be made public.

SEC. 6. This society will deliberate, as an anniversary, the fourth day of July, by attending an oration, discourse or sermon, and by rendering alms and benefactions to persons who are confined in prisons, or are otherwise in distress; and by such other transactions and ceremonies as may be deemed proper.

SEC. 7. This society will affiliate with any other ladies' society, or other associations, in relation to which it shall be judged proper and found to be mutually agreeable; and will interchange with affiliated institutions, copies of its constitution and regulations, and lists of its members.

SEC. 8. Five members shall form a quorum, and no dissolution shall be occasioned by a failure to hold a meeting so long as two regular members can be assembled; and when the attendance of more members cannot be procured, two may admit more members.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. During the first two months succeeding the organization of this institution a succession of meetings shall be held at the dwelling of some one of the members for the admission of new members.

SEC. 2. A stated meeting shall be held quarterly, on the first Thursday in January, April, July and October; and shall be continued from day to day until all the business before the society shall be completed.

SEC. 3. Special meetings may be held whenever the society or president shall direct.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. The officers of the society shall consist of a president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary and treasurer.

SEC. 2. They shall be elected semi-annually by ballot on the first meetings in July and January.

SEC. 3. Incidental and temporary vacancies shall be supplied as they occur.

SEC. 4. The duties of the officers shall be similar to those appertaining to officers of corresponding positions in other societies, and the ordinary rules of deliberative assemblies shall be observed, so far as they shall be applicable.

SEC. 5. Special officers may be appointed as occasion may require and

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special duties assigned to particular officers or members as the society or president may direct.

ARTICLE V.

No lady who is a member of this institution shall be at open variance with any other lady who is a member, and whenever any difficulties may arise, it shall be the duty of every member to bring the matter before the society, who shall adjust the same, and reconcile the parties.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. Supplemental regulations and enactments in aid of the constitution and in promotion of the views of the society, may be made at any time.

SEC. 2. Amendments may be made to this constitution by the vote of a majority, and without any notice during the first two months succeeding the organization of the society.

SEC. 3. At least six days' notice shall after that period be given of a proposition to amend the constitution, and it shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present to adopt the amendment.

SEC. 4. A strict regard to religion, morality and politeness, shall be observed in all the transactions of the society.

Adopted unanimously, at the city of Detroit, in the Territory of Michigan, on Friday, the third day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

*President of the Ladies Society of
the city of Detroit and its vicinity.*

Attest.

Secretary of the Ladies' Society of
the city of Detroit and its vicinity.

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